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## Mail theft on the rise

By Clare Curley  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Warning: Gone are the days when you could clip your outgoing mail to your mailbox for the postal carrier to pick up. There are too many others who would like to beat the carrier there, and if they do the results can be costly. Currently, mail theft is just one component of identity theft, the nation's largest growing crime.

Some may doubt that any stranger would prow into their cul-de-sac for the mere purpose of rifling through grocery coupons and desperate credit card ads, yet in El Cerrito reports of mail theft have become among the most frequent complaints.

The most frequent crime resulting from mail theft is check forgery. El Cerrito Police Det. Wayne Mann said mail theft is no new phenomena, but that the number of incidents has been on the rise for some time.

"They're hoping to find a check,"

he said. Or, some other information about the resident's finances, such as credit card numbers, credit cards, convenience checks, Social Security checks and numbers, and bank statements.

Recently, the reverse scenario came to light when a bag of mail found in a Richmond church was discovered to contain a pile of mail belonging to a number of El Cerrito residents. Much of the apparently stolen mail were items residents had placed in front of their homes to be picked up. And they were, just not by the right person.

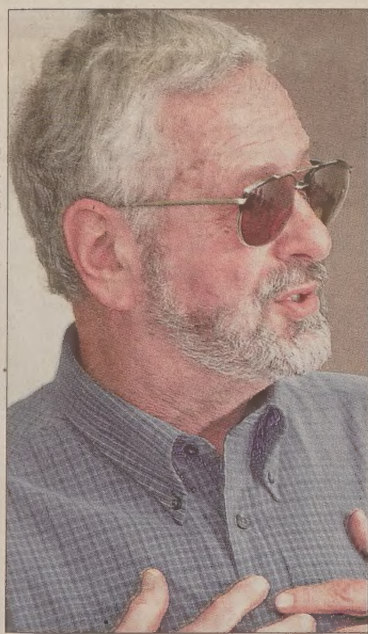
Police were tipped off by a couple of calls that came in late that week reporting missing mail.

Mail that was probably stolen from dwellings in the hill area March 9 or 10, said Mann, was dumped off days later at St. David's Church, located at 871 Sonoma.

Police showed up that morning to find a stack of miscellaneous items,

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## A man for all seasons



■ Stan Whitehead has gone from teaching middle school students to imparting his diverse interests at classes in local senior centers

By Clare Curley  
STAFF WRITER

Stan Whitehead has yet to write the great American novel. Or paint the great American landscape. Or compose the great American sonnet. It's not for lack of desire. It's just that when you have had a dozen different careers, it's hard to perfect one artistic arena.

"I'm frustrated," confessed the sometimes novelist/magazine publisher/graphics artist.

Both Whitehead's talents and his jobs have run the creative gamut, and, at 72, he still has the nagging suspicion he is just short of doing wonderful things.

Yet he has grown accustomed to his latest creative pastime — teaching seniors — and is settling into his niche at both senior centers in Albany and El Cerrito.

That is, as much as he settles into anything.

Stepping into his position at the center, located at Masonic and Solano avenues, also produced some unexpected challenges. Center Di-

rector Jean Macdonald Allen defines it as "a potpourri-of-ideas class."

Teaching the class meant replacing renowned historian Warren Lee, who recently authored the book "A Selective History of the Codornices-University Village, the City of Albany and Environs" with his wife Catherine.

"I told Stan, 'Don't even try to follow in the footsteps of Lee,' because, frankly, that would be an impossibility," recalled Allen. "I said, 'Take it in a different way. Make it your own.'"

The rest is, well, history. Originally called "Historical Perspectives," the class has become more of a forum in which people discuss current events, arts, and pretty much anything else that piques their interest.

To help fill the weekly two-hour slot, Whitehead has been known to grab hold of unsuspecting artists, writers or shop owners to use as fodder for discussions.

"I once brought in an abstract expressionist painter that drove everyone crazy," he said.

He also brought in a San Francisco visitor to talk to the class about killer bees, and on another occasion introduced his friend, freshly back from Africa, who discussed how she

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## Second round of state school awards granted

■ Matching funds reward staff and schools equally; even janitors gain if school meets performance goals

By Suzanne Pardington  
STAFF WRITER

When students at Fairmont Elementary School in El Cerrito stop everything and read for 15 minutes each day after lunch, so does Candice Tsugawa, the school secretary.

She ignores piles of work to set a good example for students and show her support for the schoolwide silent reading time.

"At this school we feel like a great big family," she said. "We look out for one another and we help when we can."

In the second wave of the state's school performance award program, Tsugawa and thousands of other East Bay secretaries, janitors, cafeteria workers, aides and clerks will be recognized along with teachers and

principals for their contributions to progress students made on standardized tests last year.

The state Department of Education announced Monday every full-time employee working in a school that met its performance goals will receive a \$591 bonus and a matching amount for the school. Part-time workers will get a percentage of the money proportional to the hours they work.

The \$350 million School Site Employee Performance Bonus — one of three state performance award programs this year — is a one-time cash windfall from last year's booming economy. The bonuses were not included in next year's budget.

"The governor wanted to put (last year's revenue) toward improving education and rewarding those who helped California schools and students improve their achievement," said Hilary McLean, the governor's spokeswoman. "The governor recognizes that we can't anticipate that level of revenue each year."

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## El Cerrito neighborhood sports a new work of art

By J.R. Deaton  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Art Schroeder bought his plain old garage door was little too plain so he decided to do something about it.

dering of the United Nations shield on the Schroeder garage door.

The mural was painted by Richmond artist Alex Peter. The work took Peter a day and a half to complete. "I was inspired by the fact that a block away a guy who I didn't know had his garage door done up with a lot of fancy drawings pertaining to the Hispanic background that he evidently comes from," Schroeder said when asked about his new mural.

"I decided that my white garage door sitting back from the driveway ought to have something on it because it was totally uninteresting and blank. So I pulled out of the thin air the idea of the U.N. logo. The whole thing is done in a light blue — beautifully, perfectly rendered and rather pretty," Schroeder added. "I've had a lot of compliments on it."



ART SCHROEDER stands at the end of his driveway admiring the spring colors. Schroeder commissioned local artist Alex Peter to paint the United Nations flag on his garage door.

JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

## District pushes for herbicide alternative

■ Parents are calling for UC Berkeley to end its use of Roundup at the Gill Tract

By Clare Curley  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — At a meeting Tuesday night, the Albany School Board voted to meet with UC Berkeley officials to talk about alternatives to the spraying of Roundup, a chemical herbicide used to kill weeds at the Gill Tract Agricultural Research Station, during school hours. The university property is adjacent to Ocean View Elementary School.

The district may not have a legal say in the matter, but they responded to the complaints of parents of Ocean View students, who are concerned about studies that link the toxic spray to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer.

The 9-1/2 acres of corn produced by the university's College of Natural Resources faces a large field and play-

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## WORTH CHECKING OUT

## Castro School Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fairs comes to Castro Elementary School, 7125 Donal Ave. (enter on Lawrence Avenue between Donal and Gladys), on April 2 to 6 to share books and learning products with young readers. The fair is open each day from 12 to 3 p.m. The fair will also be open on Thursday, April 5, which is Open House, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Book Fair helps promote learning while raising money for special school projects. The goal this year is to build up classroom libraries by offering Classroom Wish Lists so the teachers will be able to receive many books for their rooms.

## LIVE at the Library

In honor of National Library Week and National Poetry Month, the Albany Library is sponsoring a series of poetry events that are free, open to the public and funded by ALA and Friends of the Albany Library. All four are on the theme of "Home." Tuesday, April 3, 7 to 8 p.m.: Poetry readings and discussions with Alison Seavak, Victor Jimenez, Annamarie Torpey and Amy Isaacs-Koplowicz. Tuesday, April 10, 7 to 8 p.m.: poetry readings and discussions with Joyce Jenkins, Russell Gonzaga and Richard Silberg on Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. to noon: poetry writing workshop, led by Alison Seavak. Sunday, April 29, 1 to 3 p.m.: Public readings of poems written by workshop participants, students and community members. Refreshments will be served. All events take place in the Edith Stone Room at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. Questions: Call Julie Winkelstein, 526-3720, ext. 19.

## EC Art Association

El Cerrito Art Association meets Monday.

April 9, 7:30 to 9 p.m., in the Garden Room of the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. **Renowned artist and teacher Leonard Breger** will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting. He will critique club members' art works and has been asked to also show some of his works. He is known for his paintings of cut-out masonite shapes, both human and animal, that are whimsical or humorous. Public invited. Donation.

## EC Garden Club

The El Cerrito Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 12, in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Bill Quarles, Executive Director Bio-Integral Resource Center, Albany, will present a program on "Fire Ants, Africanized Bees, Pesticides." Cost is \$3 at the door. Guests welcome. Call 510-525-1669.

## Preschool stories and films

The Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., will present a new series of stories and films for preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, at 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings, from April 7 through June 2.

## ECDC meeting

The public is invited to attend a March 27 presentation on proportional representation and instant runoff elections that will be sponsored by the El Cerrito Democratic Club. It will take place at 8 p.m., following the 7:30 p.m. general business meeting of the club, at the Northminster Presbyterian Church on 545 Ashbury Avenue in El Cerrito. The guest speaker will be Rod Latham, who serves as vice president of Californians for Proportional Representation, and as a board

member of the Oakland League of Women Voters. If there are any questions, contact Joe Franaszek at 510-524-4659.

## LWV meeting

The general membership annual luncheon of the League of Women Voters, Richmond Area, will be Tuesday, April 17, at noon at the Hacienda Restaurant, 12020 San Pablo Ave. at MacDonald, Richmond. Cost is \$10. Make reservations with Louise Vogelsberg, 510-233-0199. Business includes election of officers. At 1 p.m., discussion and consensus about LWV State/Local Election Systems Study.

## AAUW meeting

The Richmond El Cerrito Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Masonic Lodge, 6922 Stockton St., El Cerrito. Guest speaker will be Gwendolyn Whittle, a free-lance dialogue editor who specializes in putting sound tracks in movies and TV. She works at Skywalker Ranch in Marin and has won awards for her work in such films as "Titanic" and "Saving Private Ryan."

## Player meeting

School board member Patricia Player will hold a forum Saturday, March 31. The Team Player Focus Group meeting will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury, across the street from El Cerrito High. Everyone who cares about our schools is invited to attend and discuss current issues related to the West Contra Costa Unified School District. For more information, contact Player, 524-9789.

## Focus on Dale Moore Associates

By Roxanne Wiley  
CHAMBER MANAGER

Our new member, Dale Moore of Moore Associates, is a local licensed architect and general contractor of some renown. He designs traditional houses, many in Blackhawk and Danville, golf courses as in Hidden Brook and San Geronimo and specializes in custom remodels and commercial tenant improvements.

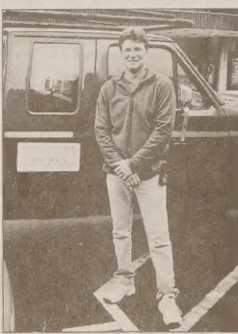
Dale is a local boy who graduated from the California College of Arts and Crafts in San Francisco about 10 years ago and has been busily working since. He has three boys who keep him very involved in Little League, soccer and Sea Scouts. He also likes photography and golf and is involved with the Albany Rotarians. Welcome to the chamber, Dale.

## Relay for Life 2001 Rally

Relay for Life is your American Cancer Society's National Signature event. Nationally there will be 2,800 communities participating in this fun-

## Albany Chamber

By Roxanne Wiley



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DALE MOORE of Moore Associates.

filled, educational, inspiring fundraising event. Attend this rally and learn how you can get involved in the fight against cancer. The rally will be held 7-8 p.m. Sunday, April 1 at the Berkeley Marina Radisson, 200 Marina Blvd., Berkeley.

## Pancake Breakfast

The Albany Lions Club will be hosting a pancake breakfast for the Albany High School track team on March 31 at Memorial Park from 8:30-11 a.m. Of course that is an all-you-can-eat breakfast with \$6 for adults and \$3 for ages 9 to 3, babies are free. Tickets are available at the door.

It is a great bargain, but more importantly, it is for a very worth while cause. The track team needs our support.

## POLICE REPORTS

## Digital cameras stolen from Albany High

By K. Osborn  
CORRESPONDENT

**ALBANY** — On the afternoon of March 19, a resident on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported that thieves had broken into his home between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. that day and stolen items. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of March 19, a resident on the 1000 block of Pomona Avenue reported that over the weekend, thieves had stolen bicycles and other items from their locked garage. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of March 20 a resident on the 400 block of Talbot Avenue reported that someone had tried to break into his beige '99 Saturn the previous night while it was parked on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of March 20, a resident reported that thieves had stolen two bicycles that had been parked in the bike rack at Ocean View School on the 1000 block of Jackson Street. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of March 20, a resident on the 900 block of Stannage Avenue, reported that thieves entered her backyard and stole items from a storage shed. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of March 20, officers responded to the 1400 block of Solano Avenue on reports of an individual who appeared to be intoxicated in front of a business. Officers contacted the 41-year-old Richmond man and found that he was intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested, cited and held to be released when sober.

■ On the night of March 20, a resident on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported that her blue '82 Honda Civic was stolen. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of March 21, a resident on the 1500 block of Posen Avenue reported that during the night thieves had stolen her blue '93 Saturn that was parked near her home. There were no witnesses. At about noon on March 24, she reported locating her car near the Avenue and West Place streets. She did not appear damaged.

■ On the afternoon of March 21, an instructor at Albany High School on the 600 block of Key Street reported that two digital cameras had been stolen from his classroom. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 10:30 p.m. on March 21, a resident on the 4110 Kains Avenue reported that a Honda Civic was stolen. The car was found to be in possession of a man who had been arrested on March 21. He was released on \$10,000 bail.

■ Shortly before 1 a.m. on March 23, officers stopped a man on Kains Avenue for erratic driving. The man was arrested on suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol. He was released on \$10,000 bail.

■ On the morning of March 24, security at 555 Pierce Street reported that at about 1 p.m. the day before a man had accidentally

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## Chase ends with crash on Carlson

STAFF REPORT

**EL CERRITO** — A 52-year-old man was arrested March 20 for allegedly shoplifting \$55 worth of merchandise from Longs Drugs on 10650 San Pablo Ave. According to a report, the suspect entered the store at 1:30 p.m. selected some items from a display, and attempted to return them.

He was confronted as he was leaving the store with items he didn't pay for and was found to have prior convictions for theft.

■ A man and woman, both thought to be in their 30s, reportedly attempted to shoplift some tools from Pastime Hardware, 10057 San Pablo Ave., by hiding them in an empty backpack. They were told to give the items back to the store before they left, and no arrest was made.

■ Kiefer's, a furniture store on 10086 San Pablo Ave., reported that a 51-year-old Oakland woman wrote a check for \$1,100 to the store to have several items delivered to her house, and then did not have the funds to cover the payment. An employee told police she has yet to pay the store back.

■ Two men, a 21-year-old from Berkeley and a 22-year-old from Pinole, allegedly engaged California Highway Patrol officers in a chase that was stopped when the suspects crashed at Carlson Boulevard and I-

80. The pursuit began when the two were stopped while driving eastbound on I-80 for driving a stolen Honda Accord. According to a report, they fled the scene, turned around and drove westbound towards I-880 until the chase came to a halt.

Both have been cleared. ■ A Honda Civic parked on the 2600 block of Tamalpais Avenue reportedly had the window smashed by a brick and appeared to have been searched, but no belongings were stolen. The window will cost \$210 to replace, police said.

■ Two Richmond women, 51 and 48, were arrested on March 23 for allegedly shoplifting \$128 worth of merchandise from the Target Store in the 11400 block of San Pablo Avenue.

At 1:30 p.m., El Cerrito police Officer David Alvarez responded to the

report of two suspects being stopped by a security officer at a store.

One woman was arrested on petty theft and released on \$10,000 bail to appear in court, while the other who had prior convictions was reported to the Main Department of Corrections in Martinez.

■ A bicyclist cited for being drunk at night with no license was covered to be in possession of a stolen bicycle. The bicycle was reported stolen at UC Berkeley in August.

The suspect, a 40-year-old man, was stopped around 10 p.m. by an El Cerrito officer near the intersection of South 55th and streets.

He was arrested for possession of stolen property and transportation of stolen property.

■ A 32-year-old man was arrested March 24 after allegedly

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## Mayor invites public over for coffee and chat

EL CERRITO — If you ever wanted to tell the mayor what you really think of him, this is your chance. Mayor Larry Damon is planning a series of Saturday morning coffees at City Hall, open to all comers and all topics, to be held in Conference Room A. Damon said he wants to discuss "anything you want to talk about that the mayor can do something about."

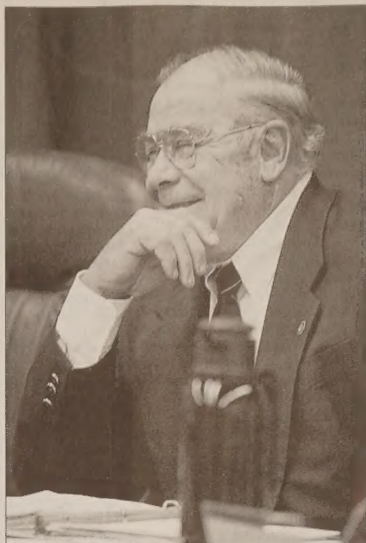
"It's about-face time," Damon said about the open sessions, adding, "We don't have any rules."

He said city-wide and neighborhood concerns such as traffic, Plaza reconstruction, the Canyon Trail Park tree plan, the Swim Center reconstruction project, and neighbor four-hour parking restrictions are some of the things that could be discussed.

"It will be on-the-record if they want; it will be off-the-record if they want," Damon said. "I want it straight."

Damon said he will act as a "listening post" for citizen concerns and report to the rest of City Council on what is discussed at the Saturday morning sessions.

The open discussion sessions will be held Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon "or however long it takes" in Conference Room A at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.



MAYOR LARRY DAMON is planning a series of Saturday morning coffee sessions with residents.

## County bike plan includes Marin Ave.

By Bonita Brewer  
STAFF WRITER

OAKLAND — Alameda County's first bicycle plan, identifying a 480-mile network including 150 miles of existing routes and 330 miles of new or improved facilities for bicycle commuters, is in the works.

"It's an excellent plan," said Robert Raburn of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition. He participated in developing the proposed plan on behalf of 14 affiliated clubs with 3,000 members, including from the Livermore-Amador Valley.

The plan identifies 18 cross-county bike corridors and is geared to bicycle commuters, said Ray Davis, a San Leandro transportation planner and chairman of the Bicycle Task Force that worked with the county's Congestion Management Agency to develop the plan.

Although some routes either exist or already are in individual city plans, "the purpose is to connect all the routes so someone can go seamlessly from one place to another and, theoretically, go from one end of the county to another in a logical manner," Davis said. "We defined specific corridors,

then looked at existing city plans and how we could make this work."

The plan, which attempts to connect bike routes to BART and other transit stations, will be released early next month for public review and comment, with final action expected by the agency's board in May. It could later be folded into a Bay Area bicycle plan being developed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

In addition to new and improved bike routes, the \$210 million plan calls for 22 new traffic signals, improvements to 30 freeway interchanges, 11 new bicycle/pedestrian bridges and other improvements.

About half of the needed funding has been identified, some through local Measure B transportation sales taxes but mostly state and federal sources. In case there's not enough funding to go around, the proposed plan identifies 27 priority projects, with a total price tag of \$106 million.

Of the priority projects: ■ Among major north county projects is \$5.1 million for a bridge over Highway 24 in Oakland near Berkeley to improve the connection from

Tunnel Road to the Lake Temescal bike bath. Another \$2.3 million would fund "traffic-calming" projects along bike routes in Albany and Berkeley.

■ The largest single amount, \$10.1 million, is for a 15.5-mile continuation of the existing Iron Horse Trail bike path along abandoned railroad right-of-way from Dublin at the Contra Costa County line southeast to Shadow Cliffs Recreation Area, and on to Livermore's western city limit. The 10-foot-wide paved path would include route signs.

■ \$5.7 million would add bike lanes along San Ramon Road in Dublin and Foothill Road in Pleasanton, and widen shoulders to Castlewood Drive and Pleasonton/Sunol Road to Sunol. A separated, Class I bike trail also would be provided down Niles Canyon Road to Fremont.

■ \$4.6 million would fund a series of trails providing an off-road alternative along the Alamo Canal and Arroyo de Laguna that parallel Interstate 680 to south Pleasanton.

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## EL CERRITO NEWS BRIEFS

### Pedestrian dies in collision

EL CERRITO — A 76-year-old pedestrian was struck and killed on Monday after being struck by an automobile in the 11100 block of San Pablo Ave., police said.

El Cerrito police responded to a call about the collision at about 8 p.m. and found that the victim, Jul J. Paik, had suffered injuries to her head, right leg and right arm. She was transported to Doctors Hospital in San Pablo, where she was pronounced dead.

Police said the driver was interviewed and released and that his vehicle was impounded for mechanical inspection and evidentiary purposes. The collision is still under investigation and upon completion will be submitted to the District Attorney's Office for possible criminal charges, police said.

### MADD reception will honor officers

EL CERRITO — Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, in conjunction with the California Office of Traffic Safety, is planning a reception to honor law enforcement officers state-wide for their efforts in stopping the crime of driving under the influence (DUI).

Shawn Chief Scott Kirkland reported last week. Sgt. Shawn Maples will be the El Cerrito police officer honored at the reception. "Shawn has provided the leadership, example and training that has led to the aggressive enforcement of this violation for the city," Kirkland said. "Shawn was recently honored for his efforts in the 25th DUI enforcement program which took place during the last Christmas holiday season."

Shawn has coordinated DUI checkpoints and will again this year coordinate and implement DUI checkpoints within West Contra Costa County.

The date and time for the MADD reception honoring the California officers has not yet been set.

### City building services policy under review

EL CERRITO — In an effort to provide better customer service, the city's building services division is reviewing several policy issues pertaining to construction projects reported Jill Keimach, community development manager. "These policies are being restructured in a way that allows contractors and homeowners to begin their projects on schedule, consistent with their contractual agreements, while maintaining building code compliance," Keimach noted.

She listed two examples of these policies:

1. Guidelines for immediate inspection of drilling for foundation piers if contractors run into situations requiring an immediate concrete pour. This could include ground water seepage, unstable soil conditions or other special conditions as approved by the building official.

2. Fast tracking construction projects granting demolition, grading, underground plumbing/electrical and foundation permits prior to complete plan approval. This would allow a contractor to begin construction earlier while the more time consuming plan check of the structural portions of building plans are under review. Currently, a contractor must wait until all aspects of the plans are reviewed, revised and approved before any construction can begin.

Keimach also said the building department is considering a plan to allow homeowners to replace existing windows with the same size window. This possible change has been endorsed by the Fire Department, she noted.

"Currently, if a homeowner wants to replace a bedroom window it must be enlarged to 5.7 square feet," Keimach reported. "This can often lead to a significant remodeling of a window at a significant cost to the homeowner. A number of Bay Area Cities and Contra Costa County allow for the repair and replacement of an existing window in an effort to allow homeowners to adequately maintain their homes." This change would require an addition to the city's municipal code and will be coming before the City Council for consideration, Keimach said.

### Public hearing on Canyon Trail tree plan

EL CERRITO — On Monday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers Garden Room, 7007 Moeser Lane, the City Council will have a public hearing to discuss the Canyon Trail Park tree plan. As part of El Cerrito's Urban Forestry Program, the city is considering a plan

to remove about 50 mature Monterey Pine trees from upper Canyon Trail Park. "The options range from removing only those trees that are noticeably diseased, phasing the removal of the 50 mature Monterey Pines expected to need removal over the next several years, removing the 50 trees this year, to conducting a tree maintenance and life expectancy study for all the parks in El Cerrito," the notice of public hearing states.

"This program will be funded by the Urban Forestry Program which will also be replanting native tree species to replace the trees proposed for removal," it adds. For more information call Margarita Nodal at (510) 215-4382.

### Rolling blackouts and public safety

EL CERRITO — Fire Chief Mark Scott reported last week that PG&E has changed its policy of exempting public safety buildings from rolling blackouts. "Police and fire facilities with backup generators will be subject to rolling blackouts," Scott reported to the City Council. However, Scott also had good news for the council.

"Happily, due to the foresight of

the City Council and the Kensington Fire Board, both the El Cerrito and Kensington Public Safety buildings have new generators designed to provide continuous full-power operational needs," Scott reported. "The generators have been load tested and are fully operational," he added. "When Fire Station 72 was reconstructed a new generator was installed at that site. The public safety facilities of El Cerrito and Kensington seem to be well positioned for continuous service to the public in these electrically uncertain times."

### A life-saving change

Fire Chief Mark Scott reported last week that his department's new paramedic program serving Kensington and southeastern El Cerrito had its first "field save" earlier this month.

"The Kensington resident was not breathing and had no pulse upon arrival of our paramedics," Scott re-

ported. ECFD Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin James intubated the patient and administered medications per county emergency medical service protocols. "The patient was breathing on his own and had a pulse of 110 beats per minute when delivered to the hospital," Scott said.

Since the start of the paramedic program March 1, Scott noted that in addition to the above field save, paramedics revived a "deeply comatose" El Cerrito resident who had overdosed on drugs and responded to a "bleeding call" to administer intravenous fluids that kept the patient's circulatory system from collapsing.

"When we began the program we anticipated that the program would produce an average of three field saves per year," Scott said. "We are off to a much more dramatic start than we anticipated and remain grateful that we can provide such service to the Kensington and El Cerrito communities."

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# 'Egregious excess at the Oscarfest' — a redundant phrase?

**T**hat's Entertainment? Well, the Academy Awards are over for another year (thank God), which means it's time to hand out the annual Sully Awards, named after Sally "You Like Me! You Really Like Me!" Field, for egregious excess at the Oscarfest.

(Some purists took me to task after I used that line in last week's column, pointing out that Field didn't actually say that. She said, "Right now, I know you like me." But to quote my favorite western, "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valence": "When the truth becomes legend, print the legend.")

**OK, on with the show:**  
**Tackiest Dress:** "And now, here they are — Jennifer Lopez!"

**Best Cinematography:** Shooting J-Lo from the clavicle up when she made her speech — shades of Elvis being shot from the waist up on the Ed Sullivan Show.

**Worst Singer:** Remember that classic scene from Mel Brooks' "The Producers," when Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder are auditioning actors for the part of Adolf Hitler? Each guy is worse than the last, but none of them is quite awful enough — that is, until they come to Dick Shawn, whose outrageously terrible, over-the-top performance causes Mostel to shout gleefully, "That's my Hitler!"

I shouted the same thing watching Bjork.



**MARTIN SNAPP**  
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**Runner-up:** A tie between Sting and Susannah Hoffs, who couldn't manage to hit the right notes on their respective songs.

**Worst Case Of Casting Pearls Before Swine:** Itzhak Perlman and Yo-Yo Ma wasting their talents on those eminently forgettable nominated film scores. (But at least they hit all the right notes.)

It reminds me of the Benny Goodman band's debut at Carnegie Hall, when trumpeter Harry James said, "I feel like a hooker in church." On Sunday night, Perlman and Ma looked like a pair of parsons playing piano in a bordello.

**Proof That The Times They Are A'Changin':** Bob Dylan, who is looking more and more like Vincent Price in "House Of Wax." Dylan won the Oscar for a song whose chorus goes, "I used to care, but things have changed" — which is pretty much how most of us feel about his music these days.

**Best Cameo:** Bob Dole in the Britney Spears Pepsi commercial.

**Truth-In-Advertising Trophy:** to

Hillary Swank, who won last year's Best Actress award for portraying a girl masquerading as a boy. Her va-va-voom Versace dress this year left no doubt that she is, indeed, a girl.

**Most Pretentious Speech:** Steven Soderbergh, who thanked "all artists, creating art everywhere."

**Worst Joke:** Steve Martin's gratuitously sexist joke, which I can't repeat in a family newspaper, after Penelope Cruz's appearance. Yeah, she looked tart, but that's no excuse.

But Martin redeemed himself a few minutes later when he bounded into the audience to hand Danny DeVito a bowl of dip for the carrot he was munching. (And kudos to DeVito for one-upping him by whipping out a celery stalk and munching on that.)

**Worst Hairdo:** A tie between Russell Crowe and Juliette Binoche. The beautiful Binoche

was trying to look like Louise Brooks in "Lulu," but she ended up looking more like Margaret Dumont in "A Night At The Opera."

**Most Pretentious New Trend:** Appending a "Mr." or "Miss" before some people's names, as in "Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Mike Meyers" or "Miss Halle Berry."

**Separated At Birth:** Julie Andrews & Glenn Close; James Coburn & Howard Hughes; Catherine Zeta-Jones & Ava Gardner (on a day when Ava hadn't been up all night getting drunk the night before).

**It's Starting To Get Old:** Goldie Hawn's giggle, Dustin Hoffman's pomposity, Tom Hanks's mugging, and Russell Crowe's attitude.

Meanwhile, I'm getting angry e-mails from people who are mad that "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" didn't win. But you have no sympathy for me.

Whatever gave you the idea that the Oscars are based on merit? They're publicity/popularity contests, pure and simple. How else can you explain a piece of fluff like "Shakespeare In Love" beating a classic like "Saving Private Ryan"?

In fact, you could fill a Hollywood hall of fame with classic films that weren't even nominated, including "The 39 Steps," "A Night At The Opera," "Modern Times," "Bringing Up Baby," "His Girl Friday," "Sullivan's Travels," "Shadow Of A Doubt," "Meet Me In St. Louis," "Alexander Nevsky," "Red River," "Rules Of The Game," "Kind Hearts And Coronets," "The Third Man," "Singin' In The Rain," "The Lavender Hill Mob," "Pat And Mike," "The African Queen," "Rebel Without A Cause," "Julius And Jim," "Paths Of Glory," "The Sweet Smell Of Success," "Vertigo," "Touch Of Evil," "Some Like It Hot," "The 400 Blows," "Yojimbo," "A Hard Day's Night," "Mc-

Cabe and Mrs. Miller," "Mean Streets," "Close Encounters Of The Third Kind," "Melvin And Howard," "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "Psycho."

So what did we learn from last night's show? Well, we learned that Steve Martin has a crush on Julia Roberts. And he doesn't like Russell Crowe. And judging from the dirty looks he kept shooting him, the feeling appears to be mutual.)

And the biggest winner? Seinfeld, of course. True, he made any movies. But he made many commercials during the show, he made tons and tons of money.

And that's what Hollywood is all about.

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Eric is the son of Christian and Lorna (deceased) Armstrong of Burlingame. He graduated from Burlingame High School in 1987 and earned a B.A. in Landscape Architecture from University of California, Berkeley in 1991. He played trumpet in the Cal Band and served as band Secretary and later as Public Relations Director.

The couple met in late 1991 while working in the legal field. Sarah and Eric are currently living and working in Melbourne, Australia. Eric in computer software implementation and Sarah at the University of Melbourne. They plan to backpack through South-East Asia before returning to the Bay Area.

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# Opinion

## A's owner declares war on East Bay

By Jeffrey Berchenko

On Tuesday evening, March 20, Steve Schott, co-owner of the Oakland A's, in effect declared war on Oakland fans and residents when he told the press that "Our future does not lie in Oakland," and that as a Santa Clara native son, he would try to move the team to an intended parking lot, hard against Paramount's Great America, located on already traffic packed Highway 887 in Santa Clara.

The Oakland A's Fan Coalition is dismayed, if not surprised, that this declaration of war comes on the eve of what fans and press alike expect to be a magical, potentially World Series-bound season for the team. A's Marketing Vice President David Alioto recently told KTVU-TV that advance ticket sales for the season were presently DOUBLE that of last year at this time. This anticipated dramatic increase in attendance would have obsoleted arguments concerning Oakland's inability to support the team.

Alas, we are not surprised by Mr. Schott's declaration. His former executive, Ed Alvarez, states in his pending breach of contract and fraud lawsuit against the team that, despite pledges of keeping the team in Oakland to the selling Haas family and the Oakland stadium authorities, Alvarez was hired within months of Schott's purchase to work on relocating the team to the South Bay.

We think the timing of Mr. Schott's public declaration of war on the fans is intended to at least partially prevent what would otherwise be a community-wide embrace of the team's valiant accomplishments. After all, this is the same man who used the occasion of a rocking full house celebration of the AL West Division Championship on the last day of last season to address the crowd of loyal fans by berating them for not being present sooner. We ruefully point out the real life parallels between the A's and the film comedy, *Major League*.

Stadium and local authorities have long known whom they were dealing with. This is why they settled a multimillion-dollar claim against the team by obtaining, in 1996, an option to find a buyer for the team. This is why our organization was founded, to support the transfer of the team to a buyer who would keep the team in Oakland. This purchase was ultimately rejected by Major League Baseball one week after a secret visit to the Commissioner's Office by Schott and team president Michael Crowley.

Our Coalition has learned that, privately, stadium and county officials have concluded that the team's sale rejection was part of an illegal plan to keep the team in Schott's hand. Thus far, they have lacked the political will to challenge this action, acknowledging their too many extant lawsuits with other tenants.

Circumstances have now

changed. The Oakland A's Fan Coalition insists that Schott's declaration of war on Oakland, the County, and its residents and fans must end all previous political timidity. We call upon all local elected officials, including Mayor Brown, to stand up to Steve Schott's illegal actions. Whether it be litigation, the finding of a new local buyer, and/or the advancement of already drawn up plans for a taxpayer-friendly, baseball-only stadium at Laney College, we urge our previously conspicuously silent mayor and other politicians to get visibly and actively involved in a campaign to keep the A's in Oakland!

Our Fan Coalition will not stand by idle and watch a carpetbagger move to the South Bay. We know that Oakland fans have previously provided some of the highest attendance records in baseball and will do so again for a competitive team embraced by the community. We know that a move of a non-rush-hour distance of over an hour away from the current venue will decrease by at least half the team's existing fan base. We also observe that the planned location is without significant public transportation and is located on arguably the most impassable traffic corridor in the Bay Area. Thus, we pledge to do everything possible to preserve the storied legacy of the four (soon to be five?) World Series winning OAKLAND A's.

Consequently, we DO NOT urge a boycott of games. Quite the opposite, we urge Oakland fans to vote with their feet and attend games to participate in demonstrating support for this exciting young team and to help put the lie to the idea that fans don't support their accomplishments.

Rather, we pledge to do whatever is necessary to keep the team in Oakland. As part of this pledge, we now warn Viacom, parent company of Paramount's Great America, of a potential Oakland residents' and fan boycott of Great America, including possible demonstrations at the Great America entrance-way, should Viacom decide to go along with Mr. Schott's ultimately unworkable plans for his Santa Clara location. We note that Great America's lease with Santa Clara would require such cooperation by Viacom if Schott's plan were to go forward.

We did not declare war on our beloved team; Schott has. As a needed response, the time for action by residents, fans, and politicians alike is now!

The Oakland A's Fan Coalition is a community based fan organization and can be found at <http://www.oaklandfans.com>. Over 5,000 fans daily read our Web site.

Jeffrey Berchenko, a founder of the Oakland A's Fan Coalition, is an Oakland resident and a San Francisco attorney, and thus considers himself living proof that the Bay Area is one large market.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Offer would still keep teachers pay at bottom

A salary proposal was rejected overwhelmingly by the Albany Teachers Association Executive Board on Tuesday, March 20. The decision was unanimously supported by vote during well attended meeting of the General Membership on Thursday.

The proposed interim agreement was unacceptable for a number of reasons:

- The offer was significantly less than either previous offer.

- The 8 percent cited in the headline and retroactive only to mid-year, in fact, represents only 4 percent in teachers pockets this year.

- It failed to address important equity issues that were part of both previous offers. This includes equal prep time for fourth and fifth grades and year for year credit on the salary scale for all rather than some teachers

- No commitment was made to bring Albany teachers salaries to the local average. Albany teachers receive below average salaries for above average work.

- Even with an 8 percent raise spread over two years, Albany salaries would be at or close to the bottom compared to all other local districts.

- The district continues to mismanage expenditures:

When AUSD received 12 percent in additional revenue, the district generated 9.7 percent in new expenditures rather than setting aside at least 7 percent originally offered by the district for teachers salaries. Enrollment went up by only 95 students, yet the district hired the equivalent of 12.5 new teachers. Spending has increased in most categories. The district continues to mismanage expenditures:

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To accept the agreement would bankrupt the district of good teachers. Many excellent

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This letter was accompanied by 25 signatures.

### Jerome Blank offers his thanks to all

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Jerome Blank Albany

### Swim Center gets wide use from community

I appreciated Mayor Larry Damon's explanation of the constraints on the swim center project. I especially appreciate the City Council's efforts to bring the Swim Center project to completion within budget. When I read Councilman Damon's article I started thinking about all the functions, that I am aware of, that the swim center serves in this community and what a valuable resource it is. It is home base for the El Cerrito High School and Gators swim teams, both award winning teams; it provides an ongoing swim club for Portola Middle School students; it provides excellent swimming classes at every level for children and adults employing many local youths as instructors and life guards.

The swim center offers therapeutic swimming classes for individuals who require such classes and offers lap swimming and free swimming for the community. The facility can be rented out for pool parties and the entire Community Center facility serves as an after

school teen center for youth from our local middle and high school.

In addition, it is an attractive site, being outdoors and nicely landscaped. I hope to see the project get the support it needs to go forward and be completed expeditiously so the interruption to the community will be as short as possible.

Rebecca Hazlewood El Cerrito

### Residences bursting at the seams

Dave Greer's "I've got mine, screw you," column regarding Albany zoning code revision really got to me. With a string of decidedly un-humorous perjoratives, Mr. Greer seems to espouse a residential zone in which no one can add to their home or park a car on the street. He actually cites Berkeley law as a model! I have just one question, Mr. Greer: what would you say to a family of four about to burst the seams of the typical two-plus-one, 1,200-square-foot Albany home? Oh, move to Berkeley, you say? Same to you, I say!

Bill Henley Albany

### A severe problem

The Housing and Urban Development budget for housing programs has received increases each of the last two years. However, the nation is still far from where it needs to be.

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Severe housing problems are a reality across the country. The publication, NETWORK (for 25 years a prophetic and persistent voice for justice on Capitol Hill), believes this is an opportune time, with a budget surplus, to provide needed resources to help stem the housing crisis.

Joan Bartulovich El Cerrito

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## VIEWPOINT

## Albany will reexamine police chief selection process

An open letter to the residents of Albany:

The Police Chief of the City of Albany, Larry Murdo, will resign at the expiration of his current electoral term in December 2002.

The Albany City Council has instructed the Charter Review Com-

mittee to review the Police Chief provision of the City Charter, receive input from the public, and report back with any recommendations no later than June 4, 2001.

The Charter Review Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Meetings are

always open to the public. However, this issue of an elected versus appointed police chief is of such interest to the public, we are having a special meeting on Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m.-noon in classroom 2 of the Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

We will also continue taking pub-

lic comment at our regular meeting of April 17, 7:30 p.m., in the Conference Room at City Hall. If you wish to speak, we hope you will find one of these two dates convenient.

Thelma Rubin, Chair, Albany Charter Review Committee

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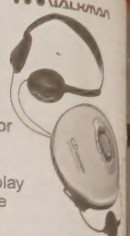
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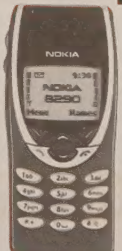
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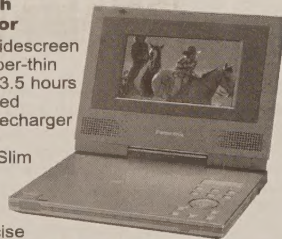
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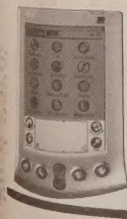


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EL CERRITO PTA NEWS

By Linda Takimoto  
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Bayside Council of PTAs

April 2, Council meeting, 7 p.m. in the faculty room at Pinole Middle School, 1575 Mann St., Pinole. Agenda will include election of officers for next year and guest Supervisor John Gioia.

Adams Middle School

Mark your calendars. On Saturday, May 19, Adams Middle School will be sponsoring a school-wide flea market. All proceeds will benefit either the PTA, school club or group of students (i.e., Academy or 6th, 7th, 8th grade class). Adams is located at 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond. Also on this day, Mira Vista Elementary School, which is located a few blocks from Adams will be hosting their annual Garden Sale. This is a great opportunity for the community to visit both schools and to show their support.

Join Adams PTA - Membership is only \$6. Checks are payable to Adams PTA. Please mail all checks to Adams PTA, 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond, CA 94805.

The Adams library is collecting empty computer ink jet cartridges (the small ink jet cartridges - black and/or color; no laser cartridges or copier toner cartridges). There is a collection bucket in the library on the third floor.

Anyone who shops at Albertsons can help us by using the Albertson Community Partner card. There is no cost to the member. If you are interested in receiving a card, please send a note to the Adams PTA at 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond, CA 94805 and a card will be sent to you. We are also participating in the Target Guest Card and eScrip program (Adams ID#4654695). If you are interested in helping, please call the PTA voice message line or send an email message to cchan2429@aol.com.

PTA E-mail - Weekly PTA bulletins are being sent. If you know any friends or neighbors who might be interested, please send your email address to Connie Chan Kucera at cchan2429@aol.com

Adams: PTA Voice Message line is 510-464-1360, ext 70. Call this number to hear the weekly bulletins. Pass on this phone number to people who do not have email.

Read about Adams on the Internet: Access the PTA newsletter at <http://www.elcerritowire.com> and type "Adams Middle School" in the search box. Access the student newspaper, the Falcon Flyer at: <http://www.highwired.net/Paper/PaperOne/0,1859,964,00.html>

Castro Elementary

April 4, Pizza Night - 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at Pizza Roma in El Cerrito. Take out or dine in and remember to mention Castro and 25 percent of your order total will be donated to the school.

Fundraisers: Castro is enrolled in eScrip (ID#137627554), Albertson's, Target, and SchoolPop fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Castro when you shop.

El Cerrito High

April 5, PIZZA NIGHT, 5-8 p.m.. Place an order and be sure to mention ECHS and Pizza Roma will donate 25 percent of the evenings profit. Offer not good on delivery orders. Pizza Roma is located in the Safeway shopping center at Moeser Lane and San Pablo Avenue.

April 5, SPRING CONCERT II, 7:30p.m., ECHS Cafeteria. Come enjoy performances by both the ECHS Symphonic and Concert Bands. Admission at the door.

April 6, CASINO NIGHT, 7-11 p.m.. El Cerrito Community Center. This is the only school-wide fundraiser for ECHS. Come enjoy an evening of wonderful food, casino games and music. Tickets are \$25 or 2 for \$40. Money raised will go toward an electronic sign and scholarships for deserving graduating seniors. All adults are welcome. For tickets or information/questions call Janet McKnight at 525-3272.

April 10, SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING, 4 p.m., ECHS Library.

April 10, PTSA MEETING, 7 p.m., Room 812.

April 11, GRAD NITE MEETING, 7:30p.m., Rm. 812. Come help us make this year's Grad Nite party one our students will never forget. Email Vickie Nolan, nope6@aol.com, to find out how you can get involved. All parents are welcome!

NEW SCRIP SALES: El Cerrito High School PTSA is enrolled in the eScrip program. Our group ID is 5221087. Individual members pay an annual fee of \$10 to register their Safeway loyalty or other credit cards with eScrip. A percentage of the supporters' purchases is contributed by the merchant partner to ECHS PTSA on a monthly basis. Participating merchants are: Safeway, Andronico's, Cody's Books, Chevron, Old Navy, Eddie Bauer, and Payless Shoes. You may register online at [www.escrip-inc.com](http://www.escrip-inc.com) or look for registration forms at various school events. Any questions, call Cheryl Black 527-7070(days) or 237-1696(eve).

Want to be kept informed of all events, activities, tests date, college info, etc.? Join the ECHS email forum. All school notices will be emailed to you. To sign up, please email Joann Steck-Bayat at js-bayat@home.com. Be sure to specify that you would like to be added to the ECHS email forum.

Harding Elementary

Scrip purchases - contact Holly Winter at 525-0273.

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Portola Middle School

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Fundraisers: Portola is enrolled in eScrip and Albertson's fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Portola while you shop.

Teen Center - Monday through Thursday from 3p.m. to 5p.m. at the Community Center. Fee - \$6 drop in or \$50 monthly. Great activities, trips and special events. Call 215-4370 for more information.

email forum - school information and meeting notices direct to your email box. Send your email address and request to be on the mail list to Joann Steck-Bayat at js-bayat@home.com.

WCCUSD Calendar

April 5, Elementary School Open House - 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at all Elementary Schools.

April 16 through 20, Spring Break - No school for all students.

Items? Call Linda Takimoto at 237-6183 or email: ltakimoto@yahoo.com

ALBANY PTA NEWS

Albany High School

Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Ruth Gjerdie at [ruthg@eecs.berkeley.edu](mailto:ruthg@eecs.berkeley.edu)

April 2, Band Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Band Room

April 2, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Library

April 5, IIC Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 53

April 16, Site Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AHS Office Conference Room

April 17, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room TBA

April 18, Athletic Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AHS Room 38, Agenda Items: athletic field maintenance, possible athletic program reductions, and coaching vacancies.

SCRIP Orders: If you shop at Safeway, sign up for eScrip by calling 1-800-400-7878 or register online at [escrip.com](http://escrip.com). Old Navy is now available from eScrip. Register online for Andronico's at [schoolpop.com](http://schoolpop.com) or call 1-800-456-1032. We can provide Albertson's Community Partners cards. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782. E-mail Linda at [alanhome@lmi.net](mailto:alanhome@lmi.net)

Albany Middle School

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Homework Club, Monday-Thursday, 3:15-4:15, AMS Library. If available any day, e-mail Sara Danielson at [sarad@albany.k12.ca.us](mailto:sarad@albany.k12.ca.us)

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April 5, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library

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Cornell Elementary

April 17, PTA Meeting, 6 p.m.

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AUSD Board of Education

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AUSD Calendar

April 9-13, Spring Break, NO SCHOOL

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Copies of the plan will be sent in

early April to public libraries and city offices for public review, and written comments will be taken until April 23. The plan will go to the full Congestion Management Agency board, comprised of elected officials from the county and its 14 cities, on May 24. Maps are available on the agency's Web site, [www.acma.ca.gov](http://www.acma.ca.gov) or at the agency's office.

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Some are sassy-mama numbers in red velvet or faux snake-skin. Most are everyday beige, black or white. The largest is a double-stopping 46DDD. The El Cerrito artist Emily Duffy has created all 1,880 of them together, and she plans to create her latest piece, the BraBall.

The artwork was unveiled Thursday morning at Oakland's ProArts gallery, and I've got to admit I was a bit underwhelmed. But what struck me as important isn't so much the piece itself as the artist's view of it.

The BraBall sprang from a battle between the sexes, a world-class piece of 21st-century art. It is, as one news-writer brilliantly put it, "A Tempest in a D Cup."

The BraBall itself is a loud but gentle statement that women are fed up," Duffy says. "It's bouncy, and it's like a woman's chest. I'm trying to capture what it's like to have swollen breasts, and it's so tenderous it can be."

In fact, this story has it all. Duffy is a former one arm thankful to live in a world where something like the BraBall can happen.

The saga began last fall with Duffy's friend Richmond artist Nicolino, who had milked his Bras Across the

Grand Canyon project for years' worth of publicity. Women donated some 20,000 bras, but the National Park Service slammed on the brakes: String those ratty things across our natural wonder? I don't think so.

Ever innovative (remember his "Flamingo Bingo" fund-raisers?), Nicolino offered to donate the bras to a worthy Bay Area artist or institution.

Enter Duffy, herself no stranger to undergarments, having done bra-inspired collages and a giant nylon-tricot sculpture entitled "Mammoth."

She also drives an art-car that mimics the geometric paintings of Mondrian. What she hoped to do was create a "VainVan," using some of Nicolino's bras for decoration. They met several times at his home in Vallejo.

But he wanted to keep the collection intact, so she impulsively sug-

gested a rubber-band ball of brassieres ... the BraBall. She was even willing to collaborate, seeing artistic merit in a man and a woman creating body-image art together.

Then Nicolino got freaky, she says, and started talking as if the idea was his. It should be bigger, he told her — roadside-attraction bigger — and he wanted to haul it across country on a trailer.

Actually, I kind of like that idea, but Duffy sure didn't.

She got herself a lawyer, only to learn she would have to actually create the BraBall in order to protect her copyright.

Out went a "Calling All Bras" e-mail to everyone she knew, who then sent it to everyone they knew. Bras started pouring in from as far away as Israel: leopard-skin and bandanna print, even one with Goofy slipping on a banana peel.

"Large and small, sexy and plain, dirty and clean," says Duffy, "just like women are."

The usually chatty Nicolino is mum on this one, and even though his message machine says "talk to me," he wasn't returning calls. He too has a lawyer, Duffy says.

The project sprang from anger, but it has since evolved into some-

thing more uplifting because of all the support she's received.

"It's so intimate what they're giving me," Duffy says. "They're so trusting that I'll do the right thing with them. They trust that I'm not going to exploit them sexually in any way."

Buried deep within the BraBall are symbolic objects, including documentation of the fight with Nicolino, a scalpel and a red glass heart she broke to make a statement about being an incest survivor.

Several people came to the gallery on Thursday, many with bra offerings. Duffy had visitors hook them together — "I need hookers," she joked — then add them to the BraBall as if dancing around a maypole. She's hoping its 3-foot diameter will double by the time she's finished.

I spoke with Berkeley artist Peni Hall, who contributed six small-sized bras she bought "in honor of women who have starved themselves" to fit society's impossible standards for beauty.

Take that Victoria's Secret.

Contact Karen Hershenson at 925-943-8252, or [khershenson@cetimes.com](mailto:khershenson@cetimes.com).

## Bet on Education at ECHS Casino Night

EL CERRITO — "Gambling" at blackjack, craps and roulette will be the main feature of the eighth annual Casino Night fund-raiser to be presented by the Friends of El Cerrito High School from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday April 6 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Members of the community are encouraged to show their support by attending this fun-filled evening. Tickets (\$25 each and \$40 for two) include hors d'oeuvres, desserts and script for use at the tables. Throughout the evening additional script will be sold, prizes will be awarded, a DJ will provide music, and a no-host beer and wine bar will be open. The tables are run by

professionals and instruction is provided for non-gamblers, so everyone is welcome.

Needed are community sponsors, businesses and individuals to underwrite the cost of equipment rental, and prizes such as gift certificates and merchandise. Gaming table sponsorships are \$200 each. To sponsor a table, purchase tickets, or donate prizes, call chairperson, Janet McKnight at 525-3272.

Advance ticket reservations are advised for Casino Night, ECHS's only all-school fundraiser. Proceeds will go towards an electronic message board in front of the school and scholarships to deserving graduating seniors.

## El Cerrito

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girlfriend in the face several times.

Officers responded to a report of a disturbance at a Manila Avenue residence around 8:30 a.m., where the two were living together. The victim reportedly had several visible injuries on her face, according to the police report, but declined any medical treatment.

■ A Saturn SL-2 was discovered stolen from the 2700 block of Del Monte Avenue the night of March 10, police said.

■ Around 7:30 p.m. March 10, a 26-year-old man was allegedly attacked by another man while waiting in line at a restaurant on 6060 Central Ave. No arrest was made.

■ A 21-year-old San Pablo man was cited for being an unlicensed driver when he was stopped at the intersection of Barrett and Edwards Avenue, according to a report.

## Albany

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■ A neighboring apartment. The man was arrested for assault, cited with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the afternoon of March 23, officers stopped a red '88 Honda Civic on the Buchanan Interchange for vehicle code violation. The driver, 17-year-old Oakland man, gave officers a false ID. He was arrested for driving without a driver's license, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the night of March 23, it was reported that an El Cerrito man and a 17-year-old Albany boy were arguing at a disturbance at the Albany High School dance. They refused to leave when asked to and were arrested for trespassing. The El Cerrito man was released with a Notice to Appear, and the Albany boy was taken to his parents with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the night of March 27, a report that he had been robbed of the 100 block of Key Route Boulevard three subjects he described as black male juveniles between the

ages of 17 and 18. He reported that two more joined the group and they stole his wallet. Police are investigating.

■ At about 11:30 p.m. on March 23, a resident on the 1100 block of Brighton Avenue reported that he had been jumped by a group of males and one female near Portland and Masonic avenues. Officers responded and arrested two Emeryville boys for assault with a deadly weapon, battery and robbery. They were transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ On the morning of March 24, a resident on the 600 block of Carmel Avenue reported that thieves had stolen two bicycles from his garage. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of March 24, a resident on the 700 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that thieves had broken into her white '97 Toyota Corolla four-door by smashing a small side window. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of March 24, a resident on the 700 block of Pierce Street reported that thieves had broken into his brown '84 Toyota Corolla and stole the stereo. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 8:30 p.m. on March

24, officers contacted two subjects on the 500 block of Pierce Street who appeared to be breaking into vehicles. Officers arrested three 16-year-old San Pablo boys for burglary, conspiracy and possession of burglary tools. They were cited and released to their parents with Notices to Appear.

■ On the night of March 24, a resident on the 600 block of Talbot Avenue reported that his Honda Civic was missing from in front of his home. There were no witnesses to this event.

■ On the evening of March 24, a Novato man reported that thieves had broken into his car and stole various items. There were no witnesses.

items. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 11 p.m. on March 24, a 16-year-old Pittsburg boy came into the Albany police station with his mother to report on two different confrontations that he was involved in the previous night in Albany. He was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, battery and burglary and released to his mother with a Notice to Appear.

During the week of March 19, officers towed five vehicles, responded to four false alarms, attended to four lost or deceased animals, assisted four people who were locked out of their house or car, and responded to three reports of barking dogs. In the

domestic arena, officers responded to 16 civil disturbances and 80 civil assists. Officers stopped 43 cars and/or pedestrians, issuing 20 cita-

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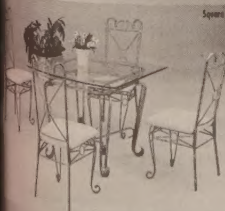
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# Albany middle school registration begins Monday

The Albany Unified School District will register children for admission to grades 6-8 for the fall of 2001 beginning on Monday, April 2, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Albany Middle School, 1259 Brighton Ave. Registration is for Albany residents only.

Registration requires three types of documentation. No registrations will be accepted unless all information is complete. The documentation includes:

- Immunization: California requires all students to meet immunization regulations, and the Albany Unified School District will not register students who have not met the law. The "no-shots, no-school" policy prohibits a grace period and does not recognize a parent's signature as verification of immunization. These regulations pertain to all grade levels, kindergarten through high school.
- Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine and a second dose of MMR are

required for seventh grade entry. And it is also recommended that a tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster be administered prior to this time. These are in addition to the present requirements of 4 polio, 3 DTP (or Td), and the first dose of MMR. Because one to four months must elapse between doses, it is necessary to begin the series early.

Low-cost childhood immunizations (ranging from \$7 to \$40 per shot) are available at county health department clinics through the summer at the following locations:

Berkeley Health Department, 830 University Ave., Berkeley, Tuesdays and Thursdays 2-4 p.m. (510-644-8571)

Concord—Health Department, 2355 Stanwell Circle, Concord, every Monday through Thursday 9-10:30 a.m. and Fridays 2-3:30 p.m., with the exception of the fourth Friday of the month 2-5:30 p.m. (925-646-5275)

Oakland—Central Health Clinic,

470 27th Street, Oakland. By appointment Monday through Friday 8:30-4 p.m. (271-4263)

Richmond—Public Health Department, County Building, 39th and Bissell Streets, Richmond, Monday through Friday 2-3:30 p.m. (374-3101); every second Thursday of the month only 1-3:30 p.m.

■ Evidence of Residency: We define residency as where a child and his/her parent(s)/legal guardian live. A parent must provide three forms of proof of Albany residency, such as a lease agreement that can be phone verified or a property deed, and at least two of the following with the address imprinted: W-2 form; PG&E or EBMUD document/bill; paycheck; bank statement; public assistance documents.

If further address verification is needed, a residence verification officer will make unscheduled home visits. If it is determined subsequent to enrollment that you and your

child's school residence is not in Albany, the student will be dropped from enrollment in the district.

■ Medical/Dental Insurance: The district does not carry medical or dental insurance for your child should he/she be injured on school premises while under school jurisdiction or through sponsored activities.

The California State Education Code authorizes distribution of information about a low cost medical/dental insurance for children. Participation is voluntary, although state law requires any student participating in interscholastic sports to have adequate medical insurance.

This registration is for current Albany residents only. Parents not residing in Albany who are interested in enrolling new students in Albany Middle School may apply for enrollment at the District Service Center beginning on Tuesday, May 1.

## Awards

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Nearly \$20 million is earmarked for 332 East Bay schools that reached their 5 percent growth target on the Academic Performance Index, a statewide ranking of schools based on standardized test scores.

Schools had to make sure the gains didn't exclude any ethnic and economic groups and that enough students took the test to meet participation guidelines.

If a school already had high test

scores, it had to make at least a one-point gain in the rankings.

East Bay school employees praised the program for rewarding all school employees, not just those in the classroom.

"I think it really is an all-school effort," said Berta Stanwell, office manager at Glenbrook Middle School in Concord. "It's not always just the teachers that would have something to do with that because it takes everybody on staff to get everything going."

Lynn Whittemore, a secretary and yearbook photographer at Alisal Elementary in Pleasanton, said she

would invest her share — about \$400 after taxes — in a digital camera for the school or buy programs for her computer.

Each school's share of the one-time bonuses ranges from \$9,751 at Byron Intermediate School to \$93,145 at Pittsburg High, depending on how many employees the school has. Districts will receive the money for distribution to schools and employees in April.

Schools can spend the money as they like, as long as it's a one-time expense.

Barbara Heisser, principal of Alisal Elementary, said she would like

to use her award to host a teacher appreciation lunch or a school picnic to show the students they played an important role in the school's achievement.

Fairmont Principal Chris Bennett said the El Cerrito school may use the money for more books.

"We're just happy as heck to really get it," he said.

The list of awards is posted on the state education department's Web site: [www.cde.ca.gov/psaa/awards](http://www.cde.ca.gov/psaa/awards).

Staff writers Melissa Moy and Andy Jokelson contributed to this story.

## Stan

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narrowly missed the guerrilla killings in Uganda.

Though a couple people dropped out initially, Allen asserts that the other 70- and 80-something students have become more "adventuresome" since Whitehead took over the reins.

According to Allen, "It's a fun class and requires people to give some thought" to his subjects.

Around the same time he started teaching at the Albany center, he also picked up a writing class at the Open House Senior Center in El Cerrito, located behind the library at 6500 Stockton Ave.

"My intention was to be different from the standard writing class, so I give it a little twist," Whitehead said.

What that twist may be varies from class to class, depending somewhat on his whim and on the position of the stars. The subject matter ranges from fiction, poetry and non-fiction, to "illustrated journals," one of Whitehead's pet interests.

Unlike Albany, which requires a certain number of bodies, any amount of visitors can show up to the Open House.

On a recent Friday, an elderly man who decided to check out the class ended up writing an essay based on a picture of a storefront that was altered to include a large Santa Claus head floating eerily in the foreground.

The writers rose to the challenge, and later read their descriptive pieces aloud: "Mummy, desecrated and shrunken" ... "It's like a stuffed animal (with a) white hat on an ape's head" ... "I was told not to lie and Santa is a lie."

Dora Devorak, who has attended writing classes at the center for the

past seven years, said, "We have written lots of stories" since Whitehead joined.

Prior to his current positions, he taught a summer school class at Albany Middle School and was an advisor for the Albany High yearbook. So, he was little accustomed to working with more experienced enrollment, which also turned out to be a much quieter group.

"I'm always pushing these people," said Whitehead. Not that they all need it. One dedicated 92-year-old with a sore wrist once drove to her class in El Cerrito using a screwdriver to maneuver the car.

Whitehead's teaching career followed shortly after he decided to publish a magazine out of Berkeley called "Solos," which billed itself as "a publication for independent people."

Though it lasted for little more than a year, the magazine proved a good source of local writing, such as a first-person piece by ex-city councilman Ed McManus.

The only thing Whitehead hasn't been much good at is retiring. "You name it, I did it," he said.

In his early days he taught at U.S. military bases in England, Scotland and Spain.

He went on to work as a communications consultant for Far West Laboratories, while simultaneously focusing on a San Francisco poverty program in the 1960s and '70s.

Since moving to the East Bay, he has taken on various editing and teaching roles.

Whitehead's home attests that the creative impulse doesn't stop with his jobs. His shelves are lined with

scores of journals he has created from photos, artwork and writing, each with a different theme.

Still, he hasn't stopped searching for the perfect venue. "I've been a freelancer all my life," he said.

To some extent, he believes not going "commercial" or settling down may have held him back, but others would disagree.

"His students are more willing to investigate other possibilities," said Allen. "He's opened their minds."

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## Mail

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and spent the day returning them to their owners.

Residents on the 800 block of Contra Costa Drive, the 1200 block of King Drive, the 8100 block of Terrace Drive and two men, the 1100 block and 1300 block of Brewster Drive were among the victims.

One target told police he wasn't sure when, but that someone had broken into his mailbox while he was away that week. After being gone for four days, he found the lock broken and items missing.

He also lives on the 1200 block of King, houses away from other apparent victims.

In a possible related incident two days earlier, a woman placed a similar complaint from her residence on the 6400 block of Barrett Avenue. She guessed her mail was stolen between 3 and 5 p.m. on March 9.

There were no suspects for any of the latest area incidents, and no arrest has been made.

The postal inspector, who is alerted in such cases, can offer little protection beyond a warning people to keep an eye out for undelivered mail.

People often leave their bills outside on the mailbox to be picked up, making themselves the next possible target. What's done with mail once it's swiped can range from check cleansing to, well, ditching it at the nearest church.

Stolen checks can be chemically "washed" of their ink, so the thief can make out a new amount and a new payee. In addition, computer software is widely available to allow the creation of professional-looking checks with the victim's bank account number reproduced at the bottom.

In the worst case scenario, the victim's account may be emptied before he or she knows the check was intercepted.

But more and more, information, not money, is what the culprit is after. Social Security numbers, birth

dates and bank account numbers can contribute to someone's identity "steal" an identity.


This information can be used to make purchases over the phone or Internet, apply for loans, credit under a false name, and withdrawals from the bank.

Federal law currently makes the definition of which is a person who steals, takes possession or even attempts to take possession of mail, a crime. — or, for that matter, doesn't can face a fine or up to a year in prison.

And, people are not less against such incidents, according to the U.S. Postal Inspector.

It offers the following which at least should make it harder for thieves to succeed:

- Never send cash or money by mail. Use checks or money orders.
- Make sure mailboxes are locked and in good condition.
- Promptly remove mail from mailbox after delivery, especially when expecting checks, credit food coupons, and other items, or ask a friend to do it.
- Have the local post office deliver your mail while you are on vacation.
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# EC sets goals for a leaner city management

By J.R. Deaton  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The City Council held its annual goal setting workshop last week and set and renewed several objectives for the upcoming fiscal year. The council also discussed organizational changes proposed by Interim City Manager Susan Westman.

Four "areas of focus" set by the council last year were reviewed and modified as needed. Many of last year's goals were met and could be removed from the list while others remain on-going. Examples of accomplished goals from last year included appointment of the Economic Development Board, hiring a project manager for the Swim Center project, and implementing the Huber, Harding and Poinsett clubhouse projects. A Financial Advisory Board was also appointed last year. Next month the council will review bids on the Canyon Trail Clubhouse/Art Center reconstruction project. The council has also authorized the hiring of an economic development manager and recruitment is underway.

The continued areas of focus are: Transportation and traffic, city operations, economic development and parks and recreation.

Under transportation and traffic, the council's goal is to "develop a comprehensive, integrated, citywide transportation improvement plan in order to enhance the quality of life in El Cerrito." The council would like to continue to "enhance access to BART and the use of mass transit by commuters via shuttles," and use Measure A, Section 10 money "aggressively to expand street construction and resurfacing" in the city. It also will work to "coordinate the construction of the

Measure C garage."

Under "city operations," the goal is to "maintain and improve the overall city operations and services." The city has put in place a program to get feedback from residents. There are "let's hear from you" forms at City Hall that go directly to the city manager for action, Westman noted. The council also set a goal to continue to implement the Committee of the Whole recommendations and to develop a "management by objectives" system to implement council goals that holds managers accountable for results.

Under the economic development area of focus, the goal is to "enhance the economic vitality and quality of life in El Cerrito by increasing the number and diversity of businesses, providing a supportive environment for the business community and encouraging existing businesses."

The council said a specific strategy for economic development needs to be developed. The Economic Development Board is currently working to do this. "The number one item — develop a strategy for economic development," Mayor Larry Damon said.

In her report to the council, Westman noted the proposed El Cerrito Mill and Lumber site project includes commercial and live/work space, that a Mazda dealership will replace the Honda dealership when Honda moves to its new location in El Cerrito and that the city's new Economic Development Board began meeting last September. The goal to "implement the five-year redevelopment implementation plan and Committee of the Whole recommended policies regarding redevelopment as adopted by the council" remains on-going. "That statement stays pretty much the way

it is because it's waiting for economic development to come up with a strategy to go forward," Damon said.

The fourth area of focus is parks and recreation. The goal was and is to "effectively implement the projects mandated by the voters when they approved Measure A in March 2000 and to add such other projects as can be funded in the budget process."

Westman pointed out that a design team and project manager were hired for the Swim Center project. "The design team has since left after completing the schematic design because of concerns they had about cost and size of the Swim Center project," she said. "The city is currently in the process of hiring a new design team that can scale back the project to fit within the allocated \$4.9 million. A new request for proposal will be reviewed by the Swim Center subcommittee on March 26."

The council also continued a goal from last year to review some elements of the city's General Plan. "We discussed reviewing the transportation element and the possibility of adding a fiscal and economic element as recommended by the Committee of the Whole," Councilwoman Kathleen Perka said.

The council had asked Westman to make a recommendation on how to best organize the city's management personnel to operate the city more effectively and efficiently. Westman made her recommendations at the goal-setting session. She suggested creating a new position of public works/city engineer, modifying two other job descriptions and amending the title of another.

"The job descriptions for recreation director and administrative service director replace the city's current com-

munity services manager and community and administrative services manager/deputy city manager job descriptions," Westman reported.

"The city of El Cerrito is at a crossroads with the hiring of a new city manager," Westman said. "There has been considerable discussion about keeping down the city's long-term staff cost and this is an important concern. However, when the city reaches the point of paying significant amounts for outside consultants, and is unable to compete effectively for additional funding, the savings are imaginary and do not produce the quality of work or accountability achieved by having a full time staff person," Westman told the council.

"We need people to do work rather than people to supervise people," said Councilman Mark Friedman. Councilwoman Gina Brusatori and others questioned Westman about the cost-effectiveness of creating the new public works director position and the administrative services director position. "We have a limited budget and scarce resources," Brusatori said, adding that any new hires would have to result in improved customer service to the community.

The council decided to put off the possibility of developing the administrative services director for the present. "We're bringing in a new public works director, a new economic development person — how many higher-level people can we bring in at one time and manage that organizational change?" Friedman said.

The City Council will consider the possible new public works director position at a future council meeting, perhaps at its April 2 meeting.

Others suggested using alternative weeding methods. Robert Read, a gardener who says he became familiar with the effects of Roundup after using it himself, suggested using small rototillers instead of a spray.

But Landau insisted that neither alternative sprays nor methods were an option after listening to parents.

"We're using the minimal amount of spray and following all the rules," he said. "We're supposed to issue a 72-hour advance notice, and we've always done that."

Still, he said he was open to talking with Mills and that his spraying schedule remained "flexible."

The issue will return for a formal vote on the board's upcoming agenda.

"We really hope our school district supports us," said Dorenz.

# School district fighting homophobia on campus

By Tom Lochner  
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — A Pinole Valley High student, who describes himself as "stereotypically gay" but in the closet, is called on by a teacher to answer a question. When he rises to speak, half the kids in the class yell "faggot!"

The teacher says, "Hey, we don't use that name in the classroom. 'But it sure fits.'"

The anecdote, recounted by another student, was one of about 20 testimonials at Wednesday's West Contra Costa school board meeting in support of a resolution to fight harassment of gays on school campuses.

Supporters hope the resolution, which the board unanimously approved, will put some bite into enforcement of a state law that prohibits discrimination in public schools on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

The law, which took effect Jan. 1, 2000, gives gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students the same civil rights protections as those extended on the basis of ethnicity, religion, sex or disability.

The resolution, the first of its kind in Contra Costa County, goes further in that it mandates that school officials take concrete steps to fight homophobia on campus, including setting up a task force of students, teachers and other staff and community members to develop a plan.

"What has changed is a commitment from the district to make this bill a reality," said Myriam Rahman, coordinator of the Queer Youth Action Team, part of the Pleasant Hill-based Center for Human Development's Empowerment Project. "And that commitment is now in writing."

Rahman and other supporters praised board member Patricia Player for introducing an amendment that "directs" rather than "asks" the district's safety committee to develop plans to address students' concerns.

Board members promised to include Queer Youth Action Team members on the task force. Among the team's recommendations are encouraging the formation of gay student support groups on campus, providing forums for discussing sexual orientation and gender identity issues, including those issues in the curriculum and designating certain teachers to be available to discuss them and having sensitivity training for all teachers.

The team also recommends set-

Several students told victims often have to watch on their desks and in the hallway. Pinole Valley High School students at a meeting Wednesday.

A QAT student found that at least one student heard a school staff member say "where or how" at their school.

Another student said students thought it was safe to be open about their sexual orientation. A straight person thought it was safe to be open about their sexual orientation.

Wednesday's meeting included students, teachers, parents and points of students being thrown at their lockers.

El Cerrito High School students at a meeting Wednesday. Rader told of a student's affection to being labeled.

Cerrito High School, she was an eighth grade student. After putting an arm around her, she was thrown at her lockers.

After winning the Costa board's battle for the first time, said Rahman.

"We're going to have a meeting with the board members to discuss the resolution."

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## Herbicide

FROM PAGE A1

ground in front of the school, at 1000 Jackson St. "I propose that we ask the Superintendent (Gary Mills) to contact the university and work out a way that we don't expose our kids to this material," said Boardmember Bill Cain Tuesday after hearing from several worried parents.

Cain said he used to support the use of Roundup until, but changed his mind after doing research of his own in recent years.

Currently, the university has permission to spray as long as they gave an advance warning of 72 hours, but they are not required to contact the school directly.

The meeting marked the first time in two years that Stephen Lindau, a UC professor in charge of the Gill Tract, has met with the board to discuss the issue.

Lindau told board members he plans to conduct two sprayings this summer, with the first one probably taking place in June.

A major spraying was expected this spring, but was delayed after one on Feb. 14 on the northwest corner of the field spawned protests by parents and members of the Albany Coalition

for Environmental Health.

The K-5 school has about 430 students, many of whose parents are UC Berkeley students, staff and visiting professors from other countries living at nearby University Village.

At Tuesday's meeting, dozens of parents said the warning system was simply not working. Three days prior notice can put the warning on a weekend on holiday, they argued, while others worried that children in classrooms with windows facing the field could be exposed.

Board VP David Farrell took the board's move a step further, saying, "I'd like to put this more clearly and ask the university not to apply Roundup at all."

University officials have continued to contend that Roundup is being used cautiously at the Gill Tract, and in such minimal amounts that it does not pose any health threat.

Even so, Landau conceded there had been some "breakdown" in communication between the university

and the district, which had prevented word of sprayings getting out to the school and parents on time.

Coalition member Dorothea Dorenz told the board, "Make a statement. Show us that you're on the side of the parents."

In years past, the school board has banned other area sprayings following similar complaints.

Albany teacher Susan Charlup recalled one previous spraying that affected a group of maintenance workers in portables at MacGregor High School two years ago.

"Within two minutes our eyes were stinging and we all had to leave," she said.

After the most recent spraying, two children with asthma had to be sent home from Ocean View. Tristan Little, a third grader, was one of them.

His mother showed up Tuesday and told the board, "His symptoms were very strange, even for an asthma attack. In the future I will not be sending him to school when there are sprayings."

## CORRECTIONS

An article in the March 23 Journal misspelled the name of Solano Avenue Association director Lisa Bullwinkel. We regret the error.

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# Real Estate & Home

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Section B

**Weekly Home Sales** Maintain your focus on the East Bay real estate scene [B8]  
**Open Home Guide** See what's on sale in your neighborhood [B14]

## Unique estate boasts panoramic bay views

by Richard Keeling

**MONTCLAIR BETTER HOMES REALTY**  
 In the middle of a neighborhood  
 now called Redwood Heights — just  
 off the Warren Freeway at Redwood  
 Road — is an area originally named  
 Avenue Terrace.

This development was advertised  
 in the early 1930s as the "sun-  
 nyest" and "loveliest" neighborhood  
 near Lake Merritt. Avenue Terrace  
 was made up of some rows of Tudor and  
 Mediterranean style homes and  
 boasted some of the most impressive  
 views in Oakland.

Recently, this has become one of  
 the most sought-after locations in the  
 East Bay hills.

Current homebuyers seem to love  
 the stylish older architecture and un-  
 derstandably value having access to the  
 highly rated Redwood Heights Ele-  
 mentary School. It's a conspicuously  
 well-maintained neighborhood where  
 properties are seldom available be-  
 cause owners tend to keep their  
 homes for decades.

Among the many mid-sized prop-  
 erties in Avenue Terrace there are a  
 few larger homes. None stands apart  
 like the stunning Tudor mansion at  
 3701 Victor Ave., which the Allen  
 brothers of Oakland custom built for  
 Frank and Myrtle Jost in 1932.

While the style is consciously ar-  
 tistic or revivalist, the builders  
 were known for incorporating tech-  
 nical innovations that the Oakland  
 Tribune considered "ultra-modern"  
 in the 1930s.

The builders equipped the home  
 with amenities found in many af-  
 fluent homes of the day. For exam-  
 ple, they outfitted it with a hy-  
 draulic mechanism, which used  
 gear power to open and close the  
 rear doors.

These and other "futuristic" fea-  
 tures are not all functional today but  
 remain as conversation pieces and  
 give ample proof that the builders  
 spared neither expense nor attention  
 to detail in the construction.

Architects and builders basically  
 intended the Tudor Revival style —  
 so popular between 1900 and 1940  
 — to replicate the architecture of  
 English manor houses of the Tudor  
 Period (1485-1603).

The exterior of this property fea-  
 tures many classic Tudor elements  
 such as decorative half-timber pan-  
 eling, a steeply sloped roof with  
 cross-gables and wood-latticed win-  
 dows. An extensive use of flagstone  
 gives the building a splendid and im-  
 posing character reminiscent of a  
 castle or fortress.

Yet the architectural details inside  
 surpass the richness of the exterior.  
 In the entrance foyer you will find  
 elaborately carved banisters leading  
 upstairs and heavy wrought iron  
 gates, which mark the entrance to  
 the living room.

That large room has cathedral  
 ceilings with beautifully carved,  
 hand-painted beams overhead and  
 walls embellished with sconces  
 forged from the same black ironwork  
 as the gates through which one en-  
 ters the home.

The front and back walls of the  
 living room consist mainly of tall,  
 wood-latticed windows, so that abun-  
 dant natural light fills the entire vol-  
 ume of the place at any given time  
 of day.

The adjoining dining room —  
 again separated from the living room  
 by wrought iron gate — has expan-  
 sive windows that give unsurpassed  
 panoramic views of the bay and sky.  
 In the dining room and in other



**THE EXTERIOR OF THE HOME AT 3701 VICTOR AVE.** in Oakland features many classic Tudor elements such as decorative half-timber paneling, a steeply sloped roof with cross-gables and wood-latticed windows. An extensive use of flagstone gives the building a splendid and imposing character reminiscent of a castle or fortress.

rooms around the house pretty hand-  
 painted scrollwork or floral designs  
 adorn the walls and ceilings.

During the 1960s and early 1970s  
 Charles Ferreira owned the Victor  
 mansion. He cut a dashing figure,  
 flying small planes for 51 years be-  
 ginning in 1924. He repeatedly  
 walked away from crashes or forced  
 landings, gaining him national at-  
 tention in the media. He was a busi-  
 nessman who flew for pleasure and  
 founded companies in Ohio and  
 Pennsylvania that manufactured seats  
 and window shades for buses, trucks

and trains. He also founded Oak-  
 land's Art Rattan Furniture.

In May have been Charles Fer-  
 reira who enlarged the home to its  
 present size (4,176 square feet, ac-  
 cording to the appraiser). The build-  
 ing has five bedrooms including a  
 master bedroom suite and another  
 bedroom with its own balcony. The  
 home also has four bathrooms, all  
 with vintage tile work and two with  
 tiles imported from Italy.

The southern wing of the building  
 has unique rotunda-shaped rooms.  
 The main level boasts a circular sit-

ting room with painted beams radi-  
 ating from the center of the ceiling.  
 The upper floor has an office hide-  
 away with windows all around.

If you use your imagination, this  
 nifty room can make you feel like  
 the captain on the bridge of his mer-  
 chant ship at sea. When you reach  
 that distant port-of-call, plenty of  
 room for toasts and good cheer  
 awaits you in the fully equipped bar  
 found below on the south side of  
 the building. This dance-hall sized

Offered at  
**\$950,000**, this  
 unique residence  
 will be open to the  
 public Sunday,  
 April 8, from 2  
 until 4:30 p.m.

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DENNIS EVANSKY

## Tudor

FROM PAGE B1

rumpus room with a wet-bar is designed like a thatched hut in the South Pacific.

You and your friends can have a good time here, and if the party gets really big your guests can drift out onto the spacious covered patio or out into the backyard.

There they will find an immense orange tree along with many other fruit trees, various decks, an enclosed Jacuzzi and even a fairly good-sized lawn.

Standing in the backyard, one enjoys the same unobstructed view (from San Mateo to Sausalito) as from the upper floors of the house.

The present owners, Ray and Sandra Ponce, purchased the property in 1976. Since then, they have completed several major repairs and renovations without disturbing the design of the building as previous owners left it.

Among other things, they rebuilt the entire porch and stairs, replaced the furnace, upgraded the electrical service, installed new hardwood floors in the master suite, replaced the roof and painted the entire exterior.

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Richard Keeling, an Associate Broker at Montclair Better Homes, was formerly an Associate Professor in the Department of Music at UCLA.

# Passing on a legacy: the Doane family home

By Stephanie Doane  
COLUMNIST

The Doane family home at 193 Florence Ave. in Oakland sits in an idyllic setting with breathtaking views of San Francisco Bay. The private driveway leads to a custom-designed, light-filled, one-level, wood home.

An expanse of mature gardens and trees enclose an intimate courtyard and surround the home. Situated on almost a third of an acre, this natural environment provides the serenity, ultimate privacy and comforts of indoor and outdoor living along with room to breathe.

Henry and Dorothy Doane first obtained this ideal site in 1939. With a baby on the way, they embarked on a journey to build their dream home after spying a piece of land in the Oakland hills with spectacular views.

The land had once been part of an apricot orchard, flanked by undeveloped lots on several sides. Otherwise the neighborhood was well established and afforded proximity to transportation, schools and shopping.

Henry wasted no time in purchasing the property. The Doanes knew this setting was one-of-a-kind.

Henry's artistic vision promptly began a collaboration with architect Irwin Johnson and builder Edward Larmer of Piedmont. Together they created a simple and comfortable U-shaped floor plan with French doors



**THE DOANE HOME WAS PAINSTAKINGLY** and lovingly restored: its simplicity and on almost the same footprint where the first home stood

opening to the glorious outdoors, porthole windows and bay windows with panoramic views to the west. Henry's dream house took shape as Dorothy looked forward to gardening and raising a family in this exceptional location.

Luckily the Doanes lived nearby in a duplex on Broadway Terrace; a few minutes away from their dream site. Henry worked as display manager and decorator for a furniture store in San Francisco before he retired in 1961 to pursue his real pas-

Originally from Henry came to the family and son



**ON OCTOBER 20, 1991, A DISASTROUS** firestorm claimed the Doanes beloved home. The flames transformed 50 years of cherished memorabilia into ash.

STEPHAN E. DOANE

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**Real Estate Expo:** Free admission to the public. Attend the Cherry Creek Mortgage Real Estate Expo. The Expo, at the Oakland Coliseum is planned for Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Find out how much house you can afford. You will be pre-qualified before entering the expo. Inside you'll have the opportunity to meet with select real estate professionals, from desired area geographical locations.

View properties through photos, videos and virtual tours. Additionally, there will be a variety of investor and first time homebuyer workshops. No reservations required. For information or directions call Cherry Creek Mortgage at 800-325-2062.

**Homebuying, Selling Classes:** The Albany Adult School offers classes home buyers and sellers. The basics of buying and selling real estate are covered in these two, four-hour seminars. Participants are encouraged to bring questions. The instructor is real estate agent/educator Pat Brock. Brock has 28 years experience in the real estate industry. The class for sellers is tomorrow.

The buyers class is Saturday, April 7. Both sessions are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the fee is \$15 per class. The Albany Adult School is located on San Gabriel in Albany. Pre-register at the school or show up the day of class. For more information contact Brock at 510-526-1478.

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## Rates reach record lows

### ■ Housing sales, starts robust

McLean, VA—Freddie Mac announced that the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 6.89 percent, with an average cost of 1 point (1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending March 23, down from last week's average of 6.96 percent. This ties the yearly low of 6.89 percent reached the week ending Jan. 12. This time last year, the 30-year year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 8.23 percent.

The average for the 15-year year fixed-rate mortgage this week is 6.44 percent, with an average cost of 1 point, down from last week's average of 6.54 percent. This is the lowest the 15-year year fixed-rate mortgage has been since the week ending February 12, 1999, when it averaged 6.40 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.84 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 6.22 percent this week, with an average cost of 0.9 point, up from last week's average of 6.32 percent. This is the lowest the 1-year ARM has been since the week ending October 1, 1999, when it averaged 6.12 percent. This time last year, the 1-year ARM averaged 6.78 percent.

"The Federal Reserve's recent cut in interest rates and a continued concern over weakness in the overall economy contributed to another drop in mortgage rates this week. In spite of the slowdown in other sectors and a lessening of consumer confidence, declining mortgage rates since the first of the year have helped to support housing activity," said Frank Nothaft, deputy chief economist for Freddie Mac.

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Redhorse Constructors in San Rafael built the home. They strengthened its original design, updated energy and safety features, raised the ceilings to 9 feet and added a mechanical room to house central heating and hot water heater.

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Henry and Dorothy moved into their newly rebuilt home in July 1993. Life began again; their dream site had been returned. Dorothy Doane died in 1997 after enjoying four years in her beloved home environment. Henry, now 95, has settled into an assisted living community.

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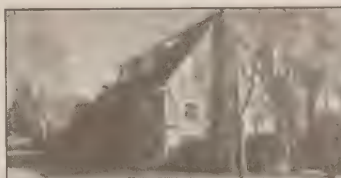


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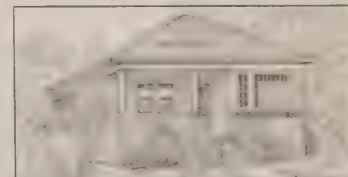
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News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

### CAR TRAINING

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### MORTGAGE INDUSTRY MEETINGS

#### CARL Two For One

The California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL) East Bay Chapter's next monthly meeting is scheduled for April 12. April is new faces month. Bring a friend to this two for one special and your friend gets in free. The location is Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. For reservations call the CARL Hotline at 925-746-1847 or check out the Web site at eastbaycarl.org. Upcoming in May is "Viva La Mexico" a Cinco De Mayo Social. Mark your calendars for May 3 and watch this column for more details.

#### The Breakfast Club

The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Meetings are presented by the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL). Join others in the industry to learn and share ideas. Meetings are held at American Title in Walnut Creek on Olympic boulevard. Start time is promptly 8:15 a.m. No need for reservations. A continental style breakfast is offered. Upcoming speakers are on April 4, Pam

### Credit Worthy



By Bobbie Reid

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It's at Alameda Bowl beginning at 7 p.m., Friday, March 30. Pizza and pop is included. If you would like more information or wish to attend contact Bridget Cain of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100.

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## Listing brings on fond memories

Number 357 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Our newest listing is on Laguna Avenue in Oakland, located, as it happens, on the route I took as a child when I walked to elementary school. In those days, the 1950s, all the kids in the area went to the neighborhood school, Sequoia. Each day I walked the few blocks from my house on Coolidge Avenue to school.

Friends from my block and from Madeline Street joined me and sometimes, when we had a little money, we stopped at one of the two grocery stores on Laguna to buy ourselves a treat.

Penny candy, we loved it: candy buttons on a paper strip, root beer barrels, banana, strawberry or chocolate Kits, Lik-M-Ade packets, and my favorite (in part because they were two for a penny), Queen Anne Butterballs.

Coke in bottles was 5 cents, as was vanilla ice cream in small square boxes. I remember these things and savor them whenever we are at the house on Laguna. As Anet and I come and go from the house, which we have visited most every day for the past few weeks, I look at the buildings (no longer used as grocery stores) where my friends and I shopped.

The store on the corner of Madeline was run (I suddenly remember, surprised that I do) by the Briggs family who lived in the back. I recall the Briggs (and other storekeepers who sold penny candy to kids) possessing uncommon patience.

I can see them now, unperturbed, and I remember feeling sorry that the candy buying process did not move more swiftly. Before and after school kids stood five deep in front

of the counter wiggling, jostling one another, anxious for the opportunity to make their selections.

As the customer named his choice, Mr. or Mrs. Storekeeper picked it from the array of candy boxes behind him and deposited it in a small, brown paper bag. When the next choice was made, it was added.

These transactions were often protracted. The child would change his mind, and the item would be returned to the shelf. Hemming and hawing would follow as the customer considered how he would spend his penny or pennies and sometimes, I think, a whole nickel.

From the Laguna house I can also see the intersection where the traffic boys had their post. It was at the bottom of the hill on which Sequoia School stands.

The hill does not seem as steep or as tall to me now as it once did but, in my mind's eye, the traffic boys are still there. They wear red, military-style folding hats and, on rainy days, yellow rubber slickers and black rubber rain boots.

In sixth grade I was the first traffic girl to join the squad. It was a great honor, and I was pleased, but I experienced a most embarrassing problem. The first time I was on traffic duty on a rainy day, I joined the traffic boys in the cloak room to don our uniforms.

The captain, a boy named Glen who was the object of my affections, was there that day and I was trying my best to impress him.

We put on our slickers, then sat to pull on the regulation rubber boots. None would fit me. They were all too small, my feet too large, larger

than any of the boys' feet, including Glen's. "What size do you wear?" I think he asked. I wanted to die.

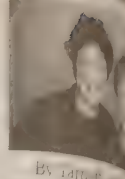
But there is another memory, a much better one, that I recalled one day recently as I thought about walking to school. At age eight or nine, I had a fantasy, a dream, one that I did not share with anyone at the time. I remembered it many years later, and again the other day.

I wanted to bring a horse to school. I had it all planned out. A horse at the corner of Hearst and Laguna would be a sensation. I was sure of that. The closest my friends ever got to a horse was when the pony photo man came around and their parents were feeling flush, we could sit on the pony's back, our picture would be taken, and a week or so later the photo developed.

I never got to have my picture taken on the pony, but I was one of many who followed in utter fascination as the pony clip-clopped along our neighborhood sidewalks. A horse would be so much better - and larger - and, as it happened, I was so lucky that I had access to one. My aunt and uncle in Napa had several horses which I was allowed to ride when I visited their ranch.

I thought that I'd get my uncle to bring one of the horses in a trailer to the foot of the hill where the traffic boys stood. He'd snap open the locks on the trailer back, pull down the ramp, then go inside and back the horse down the ramp. Everyone would stop and watch. A horse! A horse here, in our neighborhood!

A blanket would be laid on the horse's back and the saddle swung into place. My uncle would cinch up the girth, tightening it securely. I'd warn the crowd not to stand behind the horse, then sweep confidently up



By Anet Torpoff

into the saddle, a proud, graceful horsewoman.

I would walk the horse up the hill. Even watching the horse's step I must take a moment to look back at the crowd.

Everyone is cheering, clapping, shouting. She hands her lunchbox to a girl I'm most impressed by. She is grateful, overcome with joy. I will be my friend always.

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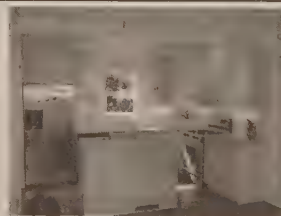
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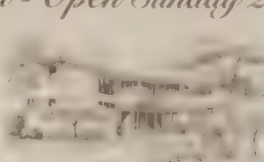
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**550 Jean Street** New Listing \$449,000  
A great home in the desirable Rose Garden neighborhood 3BR/1BA on one level. Living room w/fireplace, formal dining room & eat-in kitchen w/deck access. Steve Michaelides

**2438 Jefferson Ave., Berkeley** \$399,500  
OPEN 2-4 Vintage "Arts & Crafts" w/period details. Remodeled kitchen /family room and formal dining room. 2BR + office/den. Close to BART Chris Cohn

**615 Chetwood Ave.** New Listing \$389,000  
"The Wedding Cottage" was built in 1925 as a wedding gift. This charming 2+BR home features a formal dining room w/hardwood floors & sunny family room. Mavis Delacroix

## ~ Piedmont & Oakland - By Appointment ~

**LaSalle Estates** \$3,400,000  
Enjoy spectacular views of the Bay, bridges and San Francisco from this architect designed masterpiece. John Karnay  
**Claremont Pines Villa** \$2,349,000  
Elegant detailing accents this romantic 5BR, 3+BA Tuscan Villa. Designed & built by Mark Becker. John Karnay  
**Estate Property** \$1,195,000  
Lovely Monterey colonial with commanding tree and Bay views on over 1/2 acre. 5BR/4BA & pool. Elizabeth Dickson  
**Piedmont with Views** \$1,350,000  
Enjoy the glamorous pool of this fabulous Monterey Colonial. Gourmet kitchen. 4BR View! Anian Pettit Tunney

**Southwestern Contemporary** \$1,195,000  
Southwestern contemporary w/panoramic Bay views. 3BR/2.5BA. Artistic finish details. John Karnay  
**Good Looking Traditional** \$895,000  
Wonderful newer home w/hill & SF Bay views. 5BR/3BA w/cook's kitchen/family room w/fireplace. Katie S. Harmon  
**Piedmont Classic** \$769,000  
A spacious Piedmont traditional home w/hardwood floors, built-ins and family room. 4BR/3BA. Elizabeth Dickson  
**Traditional English** \$699,000  
Classic Crocker Highlands home. Spacious public rooms & partial views. 4BR/2+BA. John Karnay

**Upper Rockridge with Views** \$589,000  
Cheerful & sunny Upper Rockridge home. Pleasant front patio. Many upgrades. 6BR/3BA. Erika Celestre  
**City Scapes in Piedmont** \$499,000  
Conveniently location w/3BR/2BA including a master suite. Updated kitchen & views. Kurt Buchholz  
**Breathtaking Views** \$375,000  
Dramatic penthouse-like condo with breathtaking views Lake front location, 2 blocks to downtown. Ed Kuo  
**Rose Garden Condominium** \$292,000  
Sparkling 2BR/2BA unit in 7-unit complex close to Rose Garden. Hardwood floors, fireplace & hill views. Linda McClain

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**50 SANDRINGHAM RD.** (Open 2-4:30)  
Live in your own 5-BD/4+BA chalet with filtered Bay views, pool, spa, & sauna. Custom built and maintained by original owners. This rare property abounds with redwoods, oaks & pines. Charlotte Boyle x370

**MONTCLAIR** \$1,295,000  
**6415 THORNDALE DR.** (Open 2-4:30)  
Enjoy stunning 4-bridge Bay views from this unique, 3+BD/3BA architect designed home. Features include shower/steam room, sauna, wave pool, wine cellar, air conditioning, and much more. Ann Nichols x319

**ROCKRIDGE (UPPER)** \$1,285,000  
**6207 MATHIEU AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
Lovely four-year-old home in prestigious Claremont Pines area of Upper Rockridge. 4BD/3.5BA, MBR suite, gourmet kitchen/family room, master suite & multi-level decks. Country/city living. Dee Knowland x318

**CLAREMONT HILLS** \$1,269,000  
**1033 AMITO DR.** (Open 2-4:30)  
Leonard Ferillo presents this exciting new Mediterranean situated in the beautiful Claremont Hills. Bay & canyon views. 4BD/4BA, FDR, kitchen/fam room, master suite & multi-level decks. Country/city living. Dee Knowland x318



**MONTCLAIR** \$795,000  
**9098 BROADWAY TERRACE** (Open 2-4:30)  
Stunning SF & Bay views from this great 3+BD/3+BA home. Two plus rooms, decks & hot tub. Lynne Bantle x374



**ROCKRIDGE** \$789,000  
**340 FOREST ST.** (Open 2-4:30)  
Fabulous remodeled craftsman. Good blend of restored original detailing and quality new spaces. 3+BD/2.5BA, FDR, office & large state-of-the-art kitchen. Donna DeBardi x345

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**ROCKRIDGE (UPPER)** \$749,000  
**539 FLORENCE AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
Terrific 8 year old Upper Rockridge home. 3BD/3BA w/spacious bonus room, au pair w/full bath & separate entry. Beautiful terraced garden leading to level yard. Great location! Great price! Move-in condition! Dee Knowland x318



**ROCKRIDGE (UPPER)** \$699,000  
**4849 PROCTOR AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
Custom built in 1992 with 3BD/2BA. Lovely Bay view. Large kitchen, FDR opens to deck, family room, office & wine cellar. Carolyn Jones x339

**MONTCLAIR** \$679,000  
**25 MALL CT.** (Open 2-4:30)  
Dramatic 3+BD/3BA contemporary, located at the end of a cul-de-sac, offers maximum privacy. Fabulous master suite w/fireplace. Flexible floor plan. Private wooded setting. Deck & hot tub. Wendy Gardner x303

**MONTCLAIR** \$599,000  
**6009 PINWOOD RD.** (Open 2-4:30)  
The classic style of this ultra charming 1996 Cape Cod home combines today's conveniences with details of the past. 3BR/2.5BA, fireplace, decks, level backyard & 2-car garage. Donna Costella X355

### Open Sunday



**CROCKER HIGHLANDS** \$599,000  
**841 SANTA RAY AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
Lovely 4BD/2.5BA remodeled Mediterranean w/master suite & family room. Fireplace, hardwood floors, decks and large yard. Adriana Giacomelli x350

**OAKLAND** \$599,000  
**2838 35TH AVENUE** (Open 2-4:30)  
Four units. 3BD/2BA vacant owners unit plus three 2BD/2BA units. Tom Anthony (510) 834-2300

**MONTCLAIR** \$569,950  
**6070 COLTON BLVD.** (Open 2-4:30)  
Featuring four bedrooms and three full baths. This sleek, modern home recalls the work of Frank Lloyd Wright. Hand-carved entry door, clear redwood paneling, gallery style lighting, & butted glass corners add distinctive architectural flair. Dick Cohen x308

**MONTCLAIR** \$349,000  
**6323 VALLEY VIEW** (Open 2-4:30)  
Partial fixer. Addition needs help on this vintage, light-filled, upslope home. Plus feature is au pair w/separate entrance. Cheryl Hargett x375



**LAUREL DISTRICT** \$329,000  
**4503 TOMPKINS AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
Charming Laurel District bungalow with 2 bedrooms/2 baths and a "plus" room for office or guests. Large yard, open floorplan, great light! Vicki Woodhead x334

### Open Sunday



**MILLSMONT** \$319,000  
**7535 VALENTINE ST.** (Open 2-4:30)  
Charming 2BD/1BA split-level in a wonderful, friendly neighborhood. Den/plus room, hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room & large level yard. Lee Jacobson x309



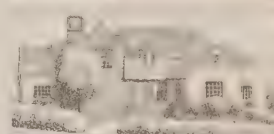
**MILLSMONT** \$269,000  
**6163 LAIRD AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
1930's era charmer. Lovely & convenient location. 2BD/1BA. Plus room & basement. Beautiful gardens. Attached garage. Joan E. Hause

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**PIEDMONT** \$3,995,000  
Enjoy panoramic Bay views from most rooms! 4++ bedrooms/4+ baths. Charlotte Boyle x370 & Helen Danhaki x356 or (510) 547-5750

### By Appointment



**PIEDMONT** \$2,450,000  
Stately English Tudor, rich architectural detail, renovated throughout. 6+ bd, 5+ ba and an au pair suite over the 3-car garage. The nearly half acre site includes lush gardens and a swimming pool. Stunning! Georgia Cornell x325

**ROCKRIDGE** \$2,250,000  
SF & Golden Gate views. Restored 1922 4+BR/3+BA home. Newer chef's kitchen. Family room. Master suite w/sitting room & his/her baths. Outstanding yard & garden. 1 3/4 acre. Plus, 1BD/1BA carriage house. Robyn Mohr x310

**MONTCLAIR** \$699,000  
Spacious 1960's contemporary with Bay views & level yard. 5BD/3BA. Living room with vaulted ceilings & FP. Fam room with FP & office built-ins. Jeffrey Himmel x307

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS** \$439,000  
Immaculate all-level ranch located across from wooded park. 3 spacious bedrooms, including master suite. 2 baths. Level rear yard & patio courtyard. Diane Earl McCan x352

**ROSE GARDEN** \$289,000  
Beautiful views & immaculate condition are the elements that combine to create a tranquil lifestyle. 1+BD/1BA, den w/fireplace, & deck. Donna Costella x355

**OAKLAND** \$269,500  
Charming 1BD custom cottage style home remodeled and upgraded with great attention to detail and style. Lovely landscaped yards. Diane Earl McCan x352

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**MONTCLAIR Tranquility & Comfort**  
4BD/2BA Kathleen Callahan (510) 595-9119

**MONTCLAIR Updated Ranch-style**  
2+BD/2BA Kitchen/fam room. Donna Costella x355

**MONTCLAIR Quiet Contemporary**  
3BD/2.5BA Fam rm. Wendy Gardner x303

**MONTCLAIR Quality Custom Home**  
2 FP's, skylights, hwdw flrs. Nancy Moore x302

**UPR ROCKRIDGE Golden Gate views**  
2BD/2BA Great Opportunity! Dee Knowland x318

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## WEEKLY SALES

### ALAMEDA

214 Bailena Bl - \$402,000  
13 Captains Dr - \$625,000  
111 Centre Ct - \$350,000  
2262 Clinton Av - \$240,000  
1106 College Av - \$350,000  
3215 Fairview Av - \$400,000  
3335 Fir Av - \$310,000  
1605 Grand St - \$275,000  
345 Laguna Vista - \$481,000  
1306 Mound St - \$310,000  
3009 Triumph Dr - \$410,000  
1321 Versailles Av - \$410,000

### ALBANY

529 Cornell Av - \$304,000  
555 Pierce St #233 - \$285,000  
600 San Carlos Av - \$577,000

### BERKELEY

2418 Browning St #B - \$170,000  
1440 Delaware St - \$385,000  
1233 Dwight Wy - \$290,000  
2997 Dwight Wy - \$1,325,000  
3206 Ellis St - \$310,000  
1441 Kains Av - \$345,000  
3 Oakvale Av - \$847,000

### EL CERRITO

6254 Cypress Av - \$266,000  
6445 Hagen Bl - \$355,000  
1708 Lexington Av #7 - \$217,000

### EL SOBRANTE

761 Alhambra Rd - \$203,000  
405 Del Valle Cr - \$185,000

### EMERYVILLE

5 Admiral Dr #F40 - \$186,000  
6 Captain Dr #E23 - \$232,000  
6363 Christie Av #231 - \$332,000  
6363 Christie Av #302 - \$225,000

### KENSINGTON

624 Beloit Av - \$585,000  
253 Purdue Av - \$525,000

### OAKLAND

2115 107th Av - \$156,000  
2016 108th Av - \$197,000  
2338 19th Av - \$165,000  
2033 22nd Av - \$180,000  
2045 23rd Av - \$230,000  
1818 28th Av - \$415,000  
526 33rd St - \$375,000  
2115 41st Av - \$210,000  
849 54th St - \$350,000  
2921 55th Av - \$260,500  
672 57th St - \$365,000  
581 59th St - \$375,000  
3000 60th Av - \$330,000  
1707 62nd Av - \$105,000  
655 63rd St - \$330,000  
1849 64th Av - \$180,000  
2698 68th Av - \$225,000  
1008 70th Av - \$145,000  
976 70th Av - \$166,500  
1292 78th Av - \$187,000  
1910 87th Av - \$55,000  
1808 90th Av - \$335,000  
1064 Alcatraz Av - \$250,000  
5949 Alhambra #120 - \$435,000  
4501 Allendale Av - \$350,000  
3826 Aqua Vista St - \$250,000  
699 Arimo Av - \$600,000  
4106 Barner Av - \$425,000  
1100 Bayview Av - \$336,500  
4659 Benevides Av - \$469,000  
3033 Blossom St - \$295,000  
6636 Brann St - \$167,000  
3875 Brighton Av - \$445,000  
4615 Brookdale Av - \$291,000  
5025 Brookdale Av - \$268,000  
9832 C St - \$165,000  
8134 Coach Dr - \$470,000  
3419 Coolidge Av - \$175,000  
4290 Coolidge Av - \$465,000  
9537 Coral Rd - \$175,000  
8116 Earl St - \$310,000  
2415 East 16th St - \$175,000  
3026 East 16th St - \$185,000  
1837 East 19th St - \$285,000

2343 East 24th St - \$250,000  
1337 East 25th St - \$258,000  
2437 East 28th St - \$225,000  
1634 East 31st St - \$356,000  
1641 East 33rd St - \$245,000  
2919 El Monte Av - \$250,000  
332 Forest St - \$750,000  
2426 Frances St - \$300,000  
1900 Gaspar Dr - \$439,000  
8350 Golf Links Rd - \$275,000  
385 Gravatt Dr - \$910,000  
452 Haddon Rd - \$320,000  
2615 Harold St - \$199,000  
2478 Havenscourt Bl - \$165,000  
4551 Heafey Rd - \$735,500  
3877 Howe St #105 - \$150,000  
4131 Huntington St - \$461,000  
3175 Kingsland Av - \$360,000  
3316 Laguna Wy - \$310,000  
325 Lenox Av #106 - \$155,000  
5422 Leona St - \$450,000  
350 Lester Av - \$490,000  
3709 Loma Vista Av - \$273,000  
3736 Loma Vista Av - \$110,000  
2901 MacArthur #311 - \$120,000  
3699 Malcolm Av - \$450,000  
17 Marlin Cv - \$631,000  
564 Merrimac St #1 - \$255,000  
200 Modoc Av - \$525,000  
1824 Myrtle St - \$255,000  
3441 Paxton Av - \$200,000  
9236 Peach St - \$85,000  
7900 Phaeton Dr - \$500,000  
9624 Plymouth St - \$142,000  
3238 Prentiss St - \$165,000  
4137 Randolph Av - \$582,000  
3507 Rhoda Av - \$310,000  
2735 Ritchie St - \$191,000  
3062 Roxbury Av - \$459,000  
7947 Sanford St - \$272,000  
5617 Scoville St - \$180,000  
8161 Skyline Bl - \$615,000  
4800 Stacy St - \$350,000  
7412 Sunkist Dr - \$305,000  
4299 Terrabella Wy - \$727,500  
9850 Thermal St - \$205,000  
6408 Valley View Rd - \$415,000  
500 Vernon St #104 - \$163,500  
7336 Weld St - \$157,000

250 Whitmore St - \$168,000

### RICHMOND

558 12th St - \$230,000  
566 9th St - \$110,000  
1201 Brickyard #108 - \$380,500  
3133 Deseret Dr - \$265,000  
2829 Esmond Av - \$175,000  
1347 Filbert St - \$85,000  
1301 Florida Av - \$320,000  
4515 Fran Wy - \$285,000  
1814 Gaynor Av - \$200,000  
510 Gertrude Av - \$146,000  
72 Harbor View Dr - \$480,000  
1619 Lincoln Av - \$83,500  
787 McLaughlin St - \$190,000  
2728 Oharte Rd - \$269,000  
3101 Overlook Wy - \$434,000  
1617 Roosevelt Av - \$191,500  
450 Spring St - \$189,000  
3103 Stone Crest Ct - \$400,000

### SAN LEANDRO

1527 140th Av - \$340,000  
1600 142nd Av - \$288,000  
1593 167th Av - \$230,000  
628 Broadmoor Bl - \$478,500  
243 Cherrywood Av - \$350,000  
15202 Edgemoor St - \$288,000  
15324 Edgemoor St - \$296,000  
14735 Harold Av - \$222,000  
1482 Hubbard Av - \$375,000  
866 Hutchings Dr - \$285,000  
15306 Inverness St - \$300,000  
881 Maud Av - \$365,000  
14045 School St - \$350,000  
544 Superior Av - \$445,000  
15335 Washington 302 - \$225,000

### SAN LORENZO

15859 Corte Mariana - \$273,500  
642 Hacienda Av - \$290,000  
16264 Saratoga St - \$242,000  
15951 St. Johns Dr - \$295,000  
1416 Via Barrett - \$270,000  
15730 Via Colusa - \$290,000  
146 Via Linares - \$255,000

185 Via San Carlos - \$290,000  
17621 Wickman Pl - \$236,000

### By the numbers

#### ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 12  
LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$625,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$380,250

#### ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$577,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$384,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$384,000

#### BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$170,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,325,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$345,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$324,000

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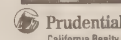
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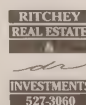
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**550 Jean Street, Rose Garden**  
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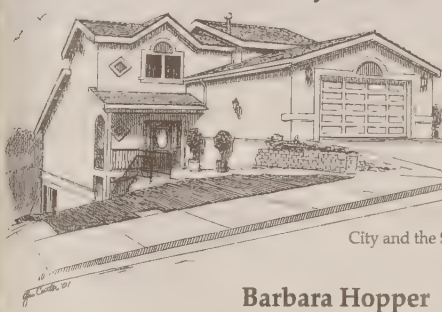
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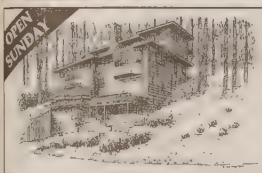
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**1880 Arrowhead Dr.**.....\$750,000  
Montclair. 1991 Contemporary. Bright, move-right-in  
3BD/2+BA; hwdw flrs, soaring ceilings, cook's kit/ham  
rm & granite counters; adj. lot also for sale at  
\$65,000. Open 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
**Ellen Lancaster**

### FIRST OPEN

**300 Alvarado**.....\$1,495,000  
Berkeley. New Listing! Stupendous details and superb  
construction. Great views. Phil Perkins design. Open 2  
- 4:30 p.m.  
**David Eckert**

**904 Alvarado**.....\$1,395,000  
Berkeley. New Listing! Phil Perkins designed. Great  
views! Open 2 - 4:30 p.m.  
**Fritz Hochfeller**

**1728 19th Ave.**.....\$279,000  
San Antonio Park. Grand Victorian. Original 1884, upgraded foundations, wiring & more. Spacious 3BD/2BA  
replaced, parlor, dining, large kitchen. Nice yard. Open 2 - 5 p.m.  
**Don Coelho**

### OPEN SUNDAY

**5741 Armour Dr.**.....\$529,000  
Montclair. Contemporary! Serene outlook. Near Redwood Heights. Charming, sunny 1940  
Enjoy a view of the bay from the living room with airy traditional conveniently located for easy commute. Bay  
viewed ceiling. Updated kitchen, garage, 3BD/2BA, view, fabulous garden, lovely FP, hardwood, 3BD/2BA  
Open 2 - 4:30 p.m.  
**Ruby Ng**

**2835 Sylvan**.....\$628,000  
Oakland Hills. California sunsets, terrace views, incredible setting! Spacious, sunny 4BD/3BA, family room, 2  
FP's, gorgeous hwdw flrs, & large lot. Great location. Open Sunday 2-4 p.m.  
**Evelyn Walker**

### BY APPOINTMENT

**Crocker Highland**.....\$685,000  
A 10+ Acre. Tastefully updated traditional.  
3BD/2.5BA, family room, stunning kitchen w/granite  
counter & wet bar. New deck & new roof.  
**Nader Davari**

**Lakeshore East Piedmont Heights**.....\$585,000  
Bed & Breakfast Charm. 1924 English country  
conveniently located to shops. Easy commute  
3BD/3.5BA. Deightful.  
**Ruby Ng**

**Harbor Bay/Alameda**.....\$469,000  
Steps from the water! Take walks along tranquil  
parks and bay front. Take the ferry to work! You'll  
love this charming 3BD home.  
**Fritz Hochfeller**

**Crocker Highlands**.....\$568,000  
Country traditional with 3BD/2BA, updated kitchen &  
breakfast nook, formal dining. Good outdoor living.  
Spacious patio & pretty garden.  
**Dian Hyman**

**Laurel**.....\$465,000  
Duplex with Bay View. 2 bedroom & 1 bedroom units,  
upstairs remodeled, flpc & hwdw floors, wonderful bay  
view, garden & 2 car garage.  
**Victor Fierro**

**Montclair**.....\$449,000  
Sunny & private, classic "A Frame" just steps to  
regional park entrance. 2BD, loft, bonus room, 2 full  
baths, hwdw flrs, 2-car garage.  
**George Karsant**

**Montclair**.....\$419,000  
Great starter home near Montclair Village, shops &  
restaurants. Deck for viewing sunsets, FP, 2  
bedrooms, formal dining.  
**Dell Orr**

**Lake Merritt**.....\$319,000  
Rooms with a View! This remodeled condo unit has a  
dramatic sweeping view of the hills and bay. Open  
floor plan and top quality kitchen. **Michael Thompson**

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## PREVIEWS

EXCEPTIONAL PROPERTIES



**Montclair**.....\$1,095,000  
7251 Skyline. 90 City & Bay Views.  
Perfect for home office environment, plus  
4 more bedrooms and 4.5 baths. Separate  
studio which is also open Sunday 2-4:30  
p.m.  
**Jack Brannen**



**Upper Rockridge**.....\$995,000  
6040 Ocean View Dr. Classic Spanish  
Mediterranean. Blend the character of  
the 1930's Spanish Mediterranean with  
tasteful renovation and you have this 4  
bedroom home. Open Sunday 2-5 p.m.  
**Carmen Wong**



**Upper Rockridge**.....\$1,575,000  
Spanish & Style. Extensive in style in this  
Spanish home with soaring ceilings and  
looks directly out onto San Francisco and  
Golden Gate Bridge. Call for appointment.  
**Michael Thompson**



**The Life of Luxury**  
in the Oakland Hills.....\$7,200,000  
JUST LISTED! Soaring ceilings and a lush  
green setting offer a refuge from the  
hustle of city life with serene views of  
green hills and open space. 4BR/2.5BA,  
family room, formal dining, three  
fireplaces and deck access to the  
outdoors. Top quality in this  
contemporary luxury home w/custom  
details like marble & granite, built in May  
of 2000. Easy San Francisco commute.

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**HISTORIC NORTH BERKELEY BROWN SHINGLE**.....\$679,000  
JUST LISTED! Big decks with Bay views, plus  
beautiful wood and details in this recently restored  
brown shingle. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal dining  
plus basement work space. Huge yard with organic  
garden. Close to BART, Gourmet Ghetto, Monterey  
Market and Solano shops



**MAGICAL NORTH BERKELEY TUDDOR**.....\$950,000  
JUST LISTED! Bay & Golden Gate views from this  
enchanting 1930's home. 4 bedrooms, 4 baths plus family  
room with fully equipped entertainment center. Formal  
dining opens to deck and more views. Lovely gardens front  
and back plus sauna & wine cellar. Entire house wired for  
sound and internet. Near shops & restaurants

### OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

**BERKELEY**  
1248 MLK.....\$679,000  
Beautiful Brownshingle. 3 BR, 2BA.  
**The Longs**

**565 Euclid**.....\$645,000  
Charming hacienda! 4 BP, 3 BA.  
**Holly Rose**

**630 Panoramic Way**.....\$950,000  
Views, space, charm. 4 BR, 3 BA,  
**Kim Cleveland**

**584 Santa Barbara**.....\$950,000  
Magical Tudor 4+ BR, 4 BA,  
**Diane Verducci**

**595 Dwight Place**.....\$525,000  
Spectacular views. 2 BR, 1+ BA.  
**Cheryl Cahn**

**EL CERRITO**  
970 The Arlington.....\$524,000  
3 BR, 2 BA. Large yard  
**The Longs**

### BY APPOINTMENT

**DARLING BUT DILAPITATED IN**  
**BERKELEY**.....\$239,000  
Charming cottage style home on large lot in  
convenient and desirable central Berkeley. House is  
serious fixer. Failed roof and dry rot galore. No  
amenities except location, yard and basic structure.  
The faint of heart need not apply!

**ON THE SUNNY SLOPES OF EL CERRITO**.....\$289,000  
Super cute 2 bedroom home across from Pointsett  
Park. Remodeled kitchen & bath, garage converted to  
office/studio. Hardwood floors, wedgewood verto,  
picket fence. Walk to BART or bus.

**TRANQUIL OASIS IN THE EL CERRITO HILLS**.....\$524,000  
JUST LISTED! So spacious with extra large rooms! 3  
bedrooms, 2 baths including master suite. Big family  
room with fireplace. Touch of Bay view. Large patio,  
playhouse/potting shed in wrap around yard, plus  
oversized garage.

**DARLING NORTH BERKELEY**  
**CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW**.....\$529,000  
Warm beautifully appointed, full of sunlight and  
surprisingly spacious. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths,  
formal dining & hardwood floors. Large back yard  
with patio, lovely garden, spa and garage  
workshop.

**HACIENDA IN THE HILLS**.....\$645,000  
JUST LISTED! Grand old Berkeley home in need of  
TLC. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths & 2 fireplaces.  
Approximately 2400 sf with 3 wings around a central  
courtyard. Extra large, level lot. Low pest, new roof,  
but needs cosmetic overhaul. One of a kind!

**BAY VIEWS FROM ABOVE UPPER ROCKRIDGE**  
**HOME**.....\$895,000  
Fantastic 3 bedrooms, 2+ baths home custom built  
in 1998. Gourmet kitchen, spacious family room with  
fireplace that opens onto rear deck and yard. Near  
College Ave./Piedmont Ave./Montclair restaurants  
and shopping. EZ San Francisco commute.

**3 BRIDGE VIEW FROM ABOVE THE**  
**CAMPUS**.....\$1,100,000  
JUST LISTED! Bright, sunny, 3 level home in the hills near  
UC. Professionally landscaped entry, beautiful interior  
wood detailing. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths with great  
separation of space. 3 bedrooms open to view decks!  
Extra space could be office or? Property is both legal  
duplex or single family

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**Open Sunday 2-4:30**

**New Montclair Listing**



**5651 Colton Boulevard**  
A stunning renovation of a Montclair jewel. Three bedrooms and two baths. Huge level property. Offered at \$599,000



**5693 Merriewood Drive**  
Storybook cottage glowing with charm. Three bedrooms, two bath and beautiful vistas. Offered at \$485,000



**John Karnay**  
Office: 339.0400/230  
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**Katie S. Harmon**  
Office: 339.0400/302

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**Open Sunday~April 1, 2-4:30 pm**



**6009 Pinewood Road, Oakland**  
The classic style of this ultra charming Cape Cod home combines today's conveniences with details of the past. Warm and inviting, the home has great light and a wonderful floor plan.

**Offered at \$599,000**



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**KENSINGTON. 22 Camelot Ct.**.....\$815,000  
Stunning contemporary on quiet court. Bay and Mt. Tam views. Dramatic architecture and huge deck allows for expansive entertaining. 3+ br, 2.5 ba, family room, dining room with built-ins. Two-car garage, private patio and garden. Level-in. Move-in condition. **Open Sunday 2-4**

**Chris Kafitz** (510) 559-2914



**EL CERRITO. 1132 Contra Costa**.....\$587,000  
Stunning contemporary with million dollar views. Totally remodeled with impeccable attention to details, this 3+ bedroom, 2 bath home has it all on one level. Vaulted ceilings, dream kitchen, and loads of light. Great for entertaining. **Open Sunday 1-4**

**Denyse Biagi** (510) 559-2908



**EL CERRITO. 1432 Navellier**.....\$479,000  
Nestled in against the hills. Spacious four plus, two bath home in quiet location with great views from large deck off master bedroom. Beautiful oak staircase. Adjacent hiking trails from private garden. **Open Sunday 2-4**

**Merrilyn Rhodes** (510) 559-2928  
**Catherine Krueger** (510) 559-2916



**ALBANY. 1289 Brighton**.....\$399,000  
Beautiful remodel in prime location. Walk to Plaza BART from this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Features include gleaming hardwood floors, large spacious kitchen, and lovely lot. Excellent condition. **Open Sunday 2-4**

**Mary Gray** (510) 559-2939



**HERCULES. 115 Oxford**.....\$289,000  
Clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath contemporary in the Foxboro Heights development. Ample yard space with a fenced yard and grass area. Two car garage with plenty of storage space. Walking distance to community park, tennis & basketball courts, swimming pool. **Open Sunday 2-4**

**Darrell Hoh** (510) 559-2905



**RICHMOND N&E. 550 34th Street**.....\$229,000  
Sweet bungalow. Charming and sunny two bedroom home on quiet street in popular neighborhood. Features hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room, large bedroom and wonderful mature garden. **Open Sunday 2-4**

**Todd Hodson** (510) 559-2915



**EL CERRITO. 839 Everett**.....\$379,000  
Most Attractive & Inviting. Feel right at home in this bright El Cerrito split level. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, beautiful hardwood floors, dining room, 1 car garage, and a bonus area great for home office. Redwood deck from spacious kitchen to backyard is perfect for entertaining. **Open Sunday 2-4:30**

**Alice McLeish** (510) 527-2700 x35



**BERKELEY. 634 Wildcat Canyon Road**.....\$1,195,000  
Elegant contemporary with gorgeous park-like views. Architect designed 5BR/3Ba on Multi-levels perfect for entertaining, with abundant decks and patios. Incredible amenities include library family room, wine cellar central vacuum. **New Listing Open Sunday 1-4**

**Juliana Wynberg** (510) 527-2700 x31

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**Spacious North Berkeley Hills home w/dramatic views.** Elegant level-in home w/breathtaking bridge & city views from all levels. Main includes, expansive living & dining, inviting fam rm off large updated kitchen, 2 car garage w/interior access. Other features include wine cellar, entertainment rm w/large opening to sunny landscaped level yard, 2 large decks & lots of light. 5+BR, 4BA. Minutes away from fine dining, shopping & Tilden Park.  
Kim Habu, 528-1500



**CLAREMONT CEM!**  
Distinguished & elegant. A very special 6BR/4BA home in Claremont!  
Bebe McRae, ext. 145.....\$1,550,000



**1018 Shattuck Ave. • Open Sunday 2-4:30**  
Best of N. Berkeley! Gracious prairie style home with beautiful built-ins & a huge garden! 4+BR, 2.5BA.  
Linda Wolan ext. 123.....\$969,000



**CLAREMONT • Open Sun 2-4**  
A unique & spacious 1975 home in a very special neighborhood! 5BR, 4BA, den, attached garage, fenced yard!  
Bebe McRae, ext. 145.....\$795,000



**Elmwood Beauty!**  
Absolutely beautiful woodwork detailing throughout this stately 4BR home! Boxed-beam ceiling, fireplaces in both LR & DR w/built-ins! Updated kitchen & bath, 2 sunrooms & fenced yard!  
Bebe McRae, ext. 145.....\$765,000



**1812 TACOMA**  
A Thousand Oaks charmer! 1900s 6BR/1BA home boasts rich craftsman detailing. Needs "TLC." Located on wonderful tree-lined street. Walking distance to BART, Ave. Thousand Oaks School/Park. **Call agent for details.**  
Anne Van Dyke, ext. 137.....\$551,750



**2703 Hilleglass • Open Sunday 2-4**  
Absolutely charming 2 bedroom condominium in Elmwood! Spacious, living room with fireplace. Hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, deck! Close to shops, Come see!  
Leslie Easterday ext. 134.....\$325,000

**TAMALPAIS ROAD** Rare craftsman beauty! Open Sun. Flexible floorplan. 3+++BR/3BA, double garage. Susie Schevill, ext. 144.....\$645,000

**North Berkeley Condo!** Grand & spacious condo in best building! 2000 sq ft! 2BR, 2BA, hill views on quiet side! Walk to U.C. & Chez Panisse! Bebe McRae.....\$450,000

**1380 GILMAN STREET. NEW LISTING! Open Sun 2-4:30** Delightful spacious bungalow! Walk to Westbrae shops, BART & the Monterey Market. Wonderful deep lot with expansive lawn & garden. 2 bedrooms & 1 bath, sunny updated kitchen, separate dining room. Very Charming!  
Ruth Frassetto, ext. 147.....\$500,000

**N. BERKELEY GEM: 557 THE AILAMEDA** Located in Thousand Oaks & set back from the street, this traditional w/half timbered stucco exterior looks out onto a sculptured oak. Light filled 3BR/2BA, remod. kitchen & 2+ rooms w/a beautiful garden. Helene Barkin, ext. 124.....\$679,000

**OAKLAND**



**842 Santa Ray**  
Designed by this renowned Bay Area architect, this handsome & well maintained craftsman home is located in a convenient area of Crocker Highlands. 3+BA, 2BA, formal dining room, updated eat-in kitchen, & a lovely terraced garden with a hot tub!  
Ronald Sterling Eggherman ext.127.....\$795,000



**364 62nd St. • Open Sunday 2-4:30**  
Craftsman classic with wonderful large yard! 3BR, sunroom, 2BA, formal dining, beautiful condition! Large 2 car garage!  
Bebe McRae ext. 145.....\$525,000

**PARKWOODS 360 Caidecott Lane #103 New New Priced!! Open Sun 2-4** Stunning 2BR/2BA condo with custom upgrades & fab amenities! Tricia Swift, ext. 140.....\$350,000

**ALBANY**

**CHARMING BUNGALOW** Spacious sunny 2BR/1BA bungalow. Original details intact, tastefully upgraded. Spacious updated kitchen w/French doors to large garden. Walk to Solano from this delightful property!  
Leslie Avant, ext. 122.....\$399,000



**25 SEAGULL DR. MARINA BAY**  
**Open Sunday 2-4:30**  
Wonderful sunny 2 story 3BR/2.5BA w/dramatic cathedral ceilings. Located in the Breakers, walking distance to the Bayshore Regional trail, pretty garden entry, private new yard  
Leslie Avant, ext. 122.....\$510,000

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## Sales

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TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$217,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$355,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$266,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$279,333

TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$185,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$203,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$194,000

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$186,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$332,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$243,750

## KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$525,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$585,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$555,000

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 94  
LOWEST PRICE: \$55,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$910,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$310,511

## RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 18  
LOWEST PRICE: \$83,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$480,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$246,306

## SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 15

LOWEST PRICE: \$222,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$478,500  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$300,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$322,500

## SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 9  
LOWEST PRICE: \$236,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$295,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$273,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$271,278

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## Open, April 1 from 2:00 - 4:30 PM



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## OAKLAND/PIEDMONT

Unique Contemporary \$3,350,000  
Sunny acre w/ pool, tennis court, separate guest quarters. 2 huge master suites.

Faye Magee 510-433-9709

Hillier Townhouse \$1,295,000

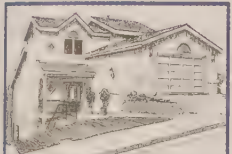
Views galore! 3 levels of designer finishes. Panoramic views, 3BD/3.5BA + family room! A must see!

Nancy Plufford 510-845-0200

\* Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,200,000

6150 Mazuela Dr. New, spacious 4BD/3.5BA home w/ gourmet kitchen in serene setting.

Sandy Chiu 510-339-9290



Distinctive Contempo \$939,000  
New construction, 5BD/3.5BA Bay view gem. Formal dining rm., gourmet kitchen, family rm., useable backyard.

Barbara Hopper 510-845-0211

Over 1/3 Acre! \$675,000

Enjoy country living in the city in this secluded 4BD/3BA w/ new kitchen and more!

Herb Manor 510-339-9290

Montclair - All Level \$649,000

Walls of glass yet private, lush gardens, walk to village & shopping, unique, 3BD/2BA.

Chloe Friday Judy 510-428-0900

Piedmont Craftsman \$585,000

2BD/1BA, fireplace, hardwoods, big kitchen, backyard, garage, steps from Beach Elem.

David Higgins 510-428-0900

\* Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$565,000

90 Edgemont. Tastefully remod. 4BD/3BA w/ view from new decks & located on quiet cul-de-sac.

John Wesley 510-339-9290

Crocker Bungalow \$545,000

Lovely & sunny 3BD plus 2 extra rooms. Deep rose garden yard & great neighborhood schools.

Liz Stevens 510-845-0200

\* Open Sunday 12-4 \$525,000

5741 Grisborne. Hideaway in woods setting with 3BD/3BA & EZ walk to Montclair. Close to school/trans.

Kathy Florence 510-339-9290

\* Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$525,000

864 Sunnyhills. English cottage, darling Crocker 2BD/2.5BA w/ terrific home office. Storybook living room.

Nancy Hinkley 510-428-0900

\* Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$495,000

4339 Terrabella Pl. Fabulous pano views from this 3BD/2+BA townhouse w/ hwd. flrs. & fireplace.

Gene Boomer 510-339-9290

## OAKLAND/PIEDMONT

Montclair Beauty! \$489,000

67 Homeglen. 3BD/2BA, fully updated, canyon views, great kitchen, private patio, deck.

David Higgins 510-428-0900

Traditional Beauty \$445,500

3BD/2BA tri-level downslope. Living room w/ vaulted ceilings.

Victoria Case 510-834-2010

Glenview Bungalow \$425,000

Light & bright 2BD/1.5BA charmer. Living, dining, eat-in kitchen, home office, fabulous level yard.

Mark Miller 510-428-0900

\* Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$399,000

425 Taylor Ave. West end duplex, wonderfully remodeled, 2BD/1BA.

Allison Austin 510-337-8670

\* Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$389,500

3517 Victor Ave. Newly remodeled 3BD/2BA w/ au pair + bonus room/office. Move right in!

Dana Eng 510-339-9290

\* Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$355,000

280 Caldecott #103. Beautiful 2BD/2BA "Montclair model." Hwd. flrs, gourmet kit, excel. amenities, quiet. Near frwys & bus.

Denise Milburn 510-869-4683, 510-849-3711

Maxwell Park \$349,000

4BD/3BA w/ in-law 2/1. Bay view, Spanish, great buy for extended family or help w/ mortgage.

Helen Chin 510-834-2010

\* Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$349,000

3032 Brook St. Original 3BD/1.5BA brown shingle craftsman, near Piedmont Ave.

www.santilena.com 510-339-9290

Coming Soon! \$349,000

Nice 3BD/2BA home in Temescal area. Close to College Ave., shopping & transportation.

Ted Normart & Rita Harrington 510-428-0900

\* Open Sunday 2-4 \$299,000

1083 Alcatraz. Caribbean charmer! 2BD/1BA, structurally new! Bolted foundation, new elec/plumb!

Logene Butler 510-524-2526

Rockridge Condo! \$215,000

Near golf course, shops, BART & SF bus! Excel. condition! Well-maintained building!

Carol Jakabson 510-273-9322, 510-849-3711

\* Open Sunday 2-4 \$175,000

7 Embarcadero W. #117. Very special upgraded 1BD/1BA w/ gourmet kit, French drs, lg. balcony. Portobello has pool, tennis, sauna. Food, fun & transport. close by.

Joan 510-297-4019 510-845-0200

Oak-Piedmont Area Condo \$159,000

1BD, 1BA. Spacious, great condition, views San Francisco from Balcony Park. Laundry fac., secure bldg. Great owner occup.

Herman Luna 510-464-1354

## BERKELEY/ALBANY

\* Open Sunday 2-4 \$980,000

6850 Charing Cross. 4BD/2.5BA exquisite home w/ views! Brand new! 3600 sq.ft., more!

Anna-Maija Middleton 510-869-4478 510-526-5143

Claremont Hills! \$699,000

Superb, convenient location. Walk to the Claremont! Mahogany inter. wood. 4BD + study, 2BA.

Julie Lehman 510-986-9556

\* Open Sunday 1-4 \$585,000

600 Key Route. 4BD/2.5BA w/ in-law. Beautiful renovation.

Catherine Zhang 510-869-5443 510-527-9800

Berkeley Mediterranean \$525,000

A classic Mediterranean on wonderful st. in lower Berkeley Hills. Classically redone w/ new kit, hwd. & landscaped waterfall garden.

Barbara Reynolds 510-287-9361

Charming Berkeley Hills Starter \$465,000

On a wonderful tree-lined st. in lower Berkeley Hills, you'll find this charming 2BD/1BA w/ great garden.

Barbara Reynolds 510-287-9361

Gorgeous Condo Near Campus \$325,000

2BD w/ tons of light, private, fenced patio, quiet, newer complex, 2 pkg. spaces. Must see!

Denise Milburn 510-869-4683, 510-849-3711

## HAYWARD/SAN LEANDRO

Creekside Oasis \$649,000

Lovely 3BD/2BA home in coveted LeBrun Estates. Fabulous yard w/ deck overlooking creek.

Candy Benny 510-428-0900

\* Open Sunday 2-4 \$335,000

23233 Sally Ct. New Hayward listing. Pristine 3BD, 2BA in desirable area. Mountain views, deck, more!

Brenda Walker 510-524-2526

## PINOLE

Condo Classic \$175,000

Lovely 2BD 2nd floor corner unit overlooking a babbling brook, trees & park.

Jim Parkhurst 510-527-9800

## LOTS FOR SALE

View Lot with Plans \$650,000

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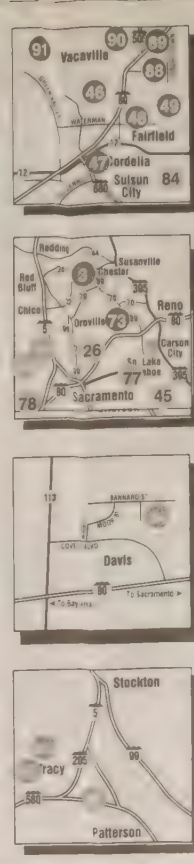
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**Open Sun. 2-4**

**Claremont Contemporary!.....\$1,245,000**  
Wonderful views from this delightful 4BR home, near shops, schools, freeway access. Fabulous 2-story unit/office with its own entrance. Very special home!  
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**Panoramic 3 Bridge View.....\$699,000**  
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**Custom Townhome with SF/GG View...\$625,000**  
State-of-the-art Hiller home with hardwood, spiral staircase, marble Curian, pecan cabinets, spa tub, huge multipurpose room.  
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**New Listing - Bay Views.....\$649,000**  
Oakland Hills, spacious, approx. 3200 sq.ft., 5BR, 3BA, family room, study, h/dwd floors, lots of glass & expansive decks, large lot, 2 greenhouses  
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**Landmark Luxury.....\$529,000**  
Decorative perfect 2BR, 2BA condo in Lake Merritt's most famous high rise. Fireplace, parquet floor & chef's kitchen are just a few of the amenities.  
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**Coming Soon - Gardener's Paradise, \$789,000**  
High in the Oakland Hills, with terrific Bay views, this expanded country style home with 5BR, 3BA and great room, will steal your heart!  
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**Panoramic Views.....\$649,000**  
Deluxe 3BR, 2BA coop overlooking Lake Merritt & East Bay hills. Marble floors, state-of-the-art kitchen, 40' balcony are just a few of the amenities.  
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**Great Area! Great House!.....\$325,000**  
This lovely Upper Laurel Cottage features 2BR, remodel BA, formal dining, charming living rm. with fireplace, plus rm., great yard  
CAROL COHEN ext. 225

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Totally renovated duplex plus detached cottage, approx. 3400 sq.ft. Ideal live/work, close to BART & transportation  
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This 2BR, move-in condition home awaits a new owner. Deep, level yard, close to shops, freeway access.  
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1218 Sherman Nancy Gordon 510-814-4815, Harbor Bay Realty	480/2 - BA	2-4	\$865,000
806 Grand St Michael Stabilekator, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1123	48A/2 - BA	2-4	\$375,000
32 Kilkenny Pl. Dawn Outcalt 510-814-4854, Harbor Bay Realty	480/3BA	2-4	\$404,000
122 Lawrence Open Sat & Sun Ning Lu 510-814-4849 Harbor Bay Realty	3 - BD/2BA	2-4	\$738,000
153 Sweet Open Sat & Sun Janice Payne 510-814-4846 Harbor Bay Realty	480/3BA	2-4	\$699,000
1281 Webber Deldre Olson 510-814-4875, Harbor Bay Realty	480/2BA	2-4	\$669,000
33 Lawrence Harbor Bay Island John Bergman, ReMax East Bay Group, 510-317-7165	480/3BA	2-4	\$989,000
281 Tipperary Loraine Ingerson 510-814-4716, Harbor Bay Realty	480/3BA	2-4	\$684,500
38 Purcell Nancy Brandt 510-814-4823, Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$675,000
3110 Thompson Ave Fenske Cass & Company, Cathy Schuffels 510-521-0220	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$649,000
1950 Kofman Judy Jacobs 510-814-4711, Harbor Bay Realty	480/3BA	2-4	\$638,000
943 Pacific Sally Rudloff 510-523-2314 & Krysztyna Nowak 510-483-1575, Kane & Associates	280/4 - BA	2-4/30	\$825,000
54 Sand Harbor Shirley McWilliams 510-814-4825, Harbor Bay Realty	380/2BA	2-4	\$619,000
1514 Gibbons Dr. OPEN SAT & SUN Mike Gustafson 510-748-1161 & Dennis Knefo 510-748-1123, Gallagher & Lindsey	28A/1 - BA	2-4	\$595,000
1700 Cornell Open Sat & Sun Donna Williams 510-814-4826, Nancy Gordon 510-814-4815, Harbor Bay Realty	3 - BD/1BA	2-4	\$595,000
3306 Liberty Ave. Diana Wynan 510-522-5827, BaySide Real Estate	380/1BA	2-4	\$579,000
1281 Caroline Tim Kim 510-814-4817, Harbor Bay Realty	3 - BD - BA	2-4	\$549,000
306 Indian Bay Open Sat & Sun Nina Quan 510-814-4839 Ginger Schuler 510-814-4872 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$529,000
1241 Regent St. Pat Collins 510-865-3466, Kane & Associates	4 Units	2-4	\$525,000
322 Indian Bay OPEN SUN, Harbor Bay zephyr@att.com, Matt Murphy 510-523-2462	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$524,900
56 Lawrence Kaiku McDonald, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1177	3 - BD/2BA	2-4/30	\$499,000
1112 Park Ave. Walt Collins 510-814-4716, Harbor Bay Realty	380/2BA	2-4	\$499,000
801 Park St. OPEN SAT & SUN Sue Nelson, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1163	38A/2 - BA	2-4	\$495,000
2 Hecker Ct. California Heritage Bay Valerie Newman 510-523-7214, Kane & Associates	3 - BD/2BA	2-4/30	\$489,000
2807 Bayview Dr. Bill Bossett, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1108	38A/2 - BA	2-4	\$489,000
1342 Regent St. Alice Savin, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1118	380/1 - BA	2-4	\$479,000
2819 Bugner Mark Playsted 510-814-4874, Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$469,000
1200 Court St. Open Sat & Sun Gordon Mahr 510-814-4819 Harbor Bay Realty	380/1BA	2-4/30	\$469,000
4 Whimble Ben Williams 510-814-4831, Harbor Bay Realty	380/1 - BA	2-4	\$457,000
bu, ohg Broadway 380/1 + BA2-4545,000 Open Sat & Sun Edna Miller 510-814-4821 Janice Payne 510-814-4846 Harbor Bay Realty	380/1BA	2-4	\$454,000
2278 Garfield Open Sat Only Mindy Hart 510-523-4748, Kane & Associates	2 - BD/1BA	2-4	\$449,000
1203 Buena Vista Alan Bosch 510-521-0990, Kane & Associates	280/2	2-4/30	\$405,000
1074 Armitage St. Open Sat & Sun. Peter Fletcher, 510-521-1177, CENTURY 21 Heritage	280/2BA	2-4	\$399,000
1057 Mangrove Darlene Heister 510-814-4717, Harbor Bay Realty	480/2 - BA	2-4	\$399,000
27 Damon Court Rosemary McNally 510-769-1945, Betty Sewell 510-522-1175 Kane & Associates	280/2	2-4	\$395,500
1911 Victorian Chapman Shepard Real Estate, Warren Chapman 510-339-1023	380/2BA	1-4	\$395,000
1117 Camino del Valle John Friedrich 510-814-4704, Harbor Bay Realty	280/1.5BA	2-4	\$395,000
1118 Fontana Nancy Gordon 510-814-4815, Harbor Bay Realty	380/2BA	2-4	\$389,000
1719 Ninth St. Sat. & Sun. Pete Caporin & Betty Barr, Alameda Realty 510-303-2525	380/1BA	2-4/30	\$385,000
1055 Mangrove Open Sat & Sun Julie Ward 510-814-4870 Ginger Schuler 510-814-4872 Harbor Bay Realty	280/2BA	2-4	\$375,000
933 Shoreline Dr #205 ERA Golden Hills Broker, Peggie Trail 510-821-7983	280/2BA	2-4	\$365,000
3146 Ball Ln. Tom Young 510-814-4814, Harbor Bay Realty	380/1 - BA	2-4	\$335,000

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801 Central Mark Wynan 510-522-5827, BaySide Real Estate	280/1BA	2-4	\$319,000
3323 Cookland Marilyn Pomeroy 510-814-4844, Harbor Bay Realty	280/1 - BA	2-4	\$319,000
1132 Mount Elaine Budka 510-814-4835, Harbor Bay Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$319,000
1734 Union St. Central Steven Jung, Progress Investment 510-862-8638	28A/1BA	2-4	\$318,888
3030 Flora Vista Open Sat & Sun Nancy Evans Bianchi 510-814-4819 Harbor Bay Realty	280/1 - BA	2-4	\$315,000
2101 Shoreline Dr. #461 John McKilly 510-523-6732, Kane & Associates	280/1 - BA	2-4	\$279,000
613 D Wilcox St. Alice Savin, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1116	28A/1BA	2-4	\$252,000
955 Shorepoint #211 Corrie Hanna 510-814-4814, Harbor Bay Realty	180/1BA	2-4	\$192,000

## **ALBANY**

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
735 Key Route Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2103 Marc	386/2BA	2-4	\$549,000
1115 Key Route Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2144 Cindy	386/2BA	2-5	\$393,000

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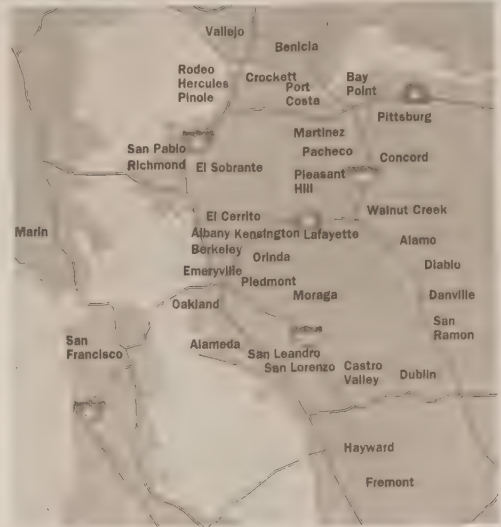
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1165 Miller Colleen Larkin 510/848-1950 x240, Thomhill Properties.	480/2/2ba	1-4/30	\$1,595,000
900 Alvarado Claymont David Eckart, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	480/3 - A	2-4/30	\$1,495,000
904 Alvarado Claymont Fritz Hochfelder, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	4 - D/3BA	2-4/30	\$1,395,000
257 Hillcrest Vicky Friedman 505-955-9070 La Salle Properties	484/3.5BA	2-4	\$1,245,000
6850 Charing Cross Prudential, Anna-Maria Middleton (510) 328-6143	480/3 - BA	2-4	\$980,000
1018 Shattuck Linda Wiken 510-652-2133 ext.123, Templeton Laverette Co.	480/2BA	2-4/30	\$959,000
1409 Arch St. Sue Schmitt ext.144, Templeton Laverette Co.	380/1 - BA	2-4/30	\$835,000
44 Domingo Mary Mental 510-652-2133 ext.132, Templeton Laverette Co.	580/4BA	2-4	\$795,000
3041 Regent Avenue Wiland 510-652-2133 ext.146, Templeton Laverette Co.	2arile	2-4	\$789,000
1834 Delaware Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2146 Tim	386/2BA	2-4	\$649,000
335 Panoramic Prudential California, Candice Economides 510-845-0200	364-BA	2-4	\$599,000
1065 Keith Prudential California, Reynolds 510-845-0200	384-BA	2-4	\$525,000
2327 Curtis Hm - Inc	2-5	2-5	\$478,000
1087 Keith Open Sunday Prudential California, Reynolds 510-845-0200	280/1BA	2-4	\$465,000
2438 Jefferson Ave. Christy Cohn, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	280/1BA	2-4/30	\$399,500
1225 Delaware Jamie Laka, (510) 862-8487, Security Pacific I.E.	280/1BA	1-5	\$395,000
2227 Curtis Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2126 Lail	286/4 - BA	2-4	\$369,000
1200 Stannage Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2139 Diane	280/1/1ba	2-5	\$359,000
2427 Ashby Open Sunday Red Oak (510) 280-2103, Charlie	280/1BA	2-4/30	\$349,000
1029 Page Jamie Laka, (510) 862-8487, Security Pacific I.E.	280/1BA	2-4	\$325,000
H 2703 Hillcress Linda Eastard ext.134, Templeton Laverette Co.	280/2 - BA	2-4/30	\$325,000
1613 Ashby Ave. Bonnie Ross/Kidde Wong, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	2 - BD/1BA	2-4/30	\$325,000
2308 Tenth St. La Salle Properties 510-339-0900	2 BD/1 BA	2-4	\$299,000
#2 Panoramic #103 U.C. Area Lisa Friedman, Prudential CA 510-866-9547	280/1BA	2-5	\$242,500

## EL CERRITO

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7697 Stockton Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2177 Merritt	3 - Bd/2 1/2ba	2-4/30	\$469,000
7300 Pomona Ct. Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2132 Bob	486/2Ba	2-4	\$399,000
839 Everett (510) 527-2700 ext. 35, Marvin Gardens	286/2Ba	2-4/30	\$373,000
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7697 Stockton Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2177 Merritt	3 - BD/2ba	2-4/30	\$469,000
7300 Pomona Ct. Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2132 Bob	486/2BA	2-4	\$399,000
839 Everett (510) 527-2700 ext.35, Marvin Gardens	286/2BA	2-4/30	\$379,000
815 Everett www.caslandangel.com, (510) 662-4568, Security Pacific I.E.	286/1BA	2-4	\$299,950
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6516 Petrovo Open Sunday Red Oak 510-290-2107, Marsha	286/4ba	2-4	\$279,000

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23233 Sally Ct. Prudential, Brenda Walker (510) 524-2626	380/2BA	2-4	\$335,000

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13 Marchant Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2109 Ratcliffe	280/1BA	2-4	\$795,000
601 Wellesley Ave. Beauty Realty, Audrey L. Beauty 510-549-9161	280/1BA	2-4	\$478,500

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7105 Marlborough Ter. Claymont Hills Sherry Beninger, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/3 - A	2-4/30	\$1,495,000
6415 Thorndale Dr. Ann Nichols, 510-339-6460 ext.318, Pacific Union	380/3 - BA	2-4/30	\$1,285,000
1842 Grandview Prudential California, Nancy Pfaff 510-845-0200	384/4BA	2-4	\$1,284,000
6207 Mathieu Ave. Ken Knowland, 510-339-6460 ext.318, Pacific Union	480/3 - BA	2-4/30	\$1,285,000
1033 Amato Ave. Ken Knowland, 510-339-6460 ext.318, Pacific Union	480/4BA	2-4/30	\$1,289,000
6150 Mazzetta Dr. Montclair Sandy Chin, Prudential 510-339-9290	480/3 - BA	2-4/30	\$1,200,000
7251 Skyline Montclair Jack Breneman, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	4 - BD/4BA	2-4/30	\$1,095,000
6134 Harwood Ave. Rochelle Realty, Bob Nelson 510-547-4800	580/4 - BA	2-4/30	\$985,000
6040 Ocean View Dr. Upper Rockledge Carolyn Deane, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	4 - BD/1BA	2-5	\$995,000
7400 Woodrow Dr. Montclair Ruth Buchholz, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/3BA	2-4/30	\$948,000
6068 Mountain Rd. Open Sunday Deborah Richey 510-527-3050, Richey I.E. & Invest	580/2BA	2-5	\$948,000
3237 Monterey Blvd. Barbara Hopper, Prudential 510-845-0211	580/3 - BA	2-5	\$930,000
6737 Elverson Dr. Montclair Mary Moudgler, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-631-7000	480/3 - BA	2-4/30	\$915,000
55 Bay Forest Dr. Hillier Highlands Wendy Callaghan, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-631-7000 ext.227	3 - BD/4BA	2-4/30	\$899,000
8053 Skyline Blvd. Jim Forquer 510-339-9800 x218 La Salle Properties	3 - BD/2ba	2-4/30	\$879,000
1835 Grand View Dr. Debbi DiMaggio, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/2 - BA	2-4/30	\$875,000
6838 Charing Cross Rd. Oakland Hills Debbi DiMaggio, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/3 - BA	2-4/30	\$825,000
7005 Exeter Dr. Montclair Bettya Balastreri, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/2 - BA	2-4/30	\$799,000
9098 Broadway Ter. Lyne Bente 510-339-6460 ext.374, Pacific Union	3 - BD/3BA	2-4/30	\$795,000
6837 Ridgmont Dr. Sherry Beninger, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/3BA -	2-4/30	\$798,000
340 Forest St. Dennis DeLant 510-339-6460 ext.345, Pacific Union	3 - BD/2BA	2-4/30	\$789,000
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6319 Castle Dr. Montclair Stan Hammond, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-631-7000 ext.346	380/3 - BA	2-4/30	\$785,000
1850 Arrowhead Montclair Ellen Lancaster, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	380/2 - Ba	1:30-4:30	\$750,000
7041 Hickock St. Montclair, Open Sat & Sun Coldwell Banker, Bruce Beninger 415-464-3535	380	1-5	\$740,000
539 Florence Don Knowland 510-339-6460 ext.318, Pacific Union	380/3BA	2-4/30	\$749,000
4637 Park Blvd Upper Glenview Howard E. Kane, Aneel 2 Bell 510-630-6330	7 - BD/3BA	2-4/30	\$699,500
1124 Hollywood Upper Glenview Howard E. Kane, Aneel 2 Bell 510-630-6330	180/1BA	2-4/30	\$699,500
4849 Proctor Ave. Carlynn Jones 510-339-6460 ext.339, Pacific Union	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$699,000
28 Windward Hill Hillier Highlands Gayle Tantis 510-339-9800 La Salle Properties	3 - BD/2ba	2-4/30	\$699,000
3019 Joaquin Miller Montclair Vivian Scott, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/4BA	2-4/30	\$695,000
25 Mail Ct. Wendy Gardner, 510-339-6460 ext.303, Pacific Union	3 - BD/3BA	2-4/30	\$679,000
70 Pine Hills Court Oakland Adam Botta, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/3BA	2-4/30	\$675,000
5617 Moraga Ave. Montclair Nahid Nemati, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-5770	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$669,000
111 Mountain Blvd. Montclair Chloe Friday July, Prudential 510-428-0900	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$648,000
2067 Maranzita Dr. Deborah Riley 510-339-9800 x216 La Salle Properties	5 BD/3 BA	2-5	\$648,000
11001 Lechard Oakland Nanette Watson, Prudential 510-339-9290	380/3BA	2-4/30	\$648,000
10433 Foothill Blvd. Open Sat. 10-12 & Sun 10:30-12:30 Alice Wong Roth, Prudential 510-428-0900	4 - BD/3BA		\$649,000
2835 Sylvan Rd. Lincoln Heights Evelyn Walker, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	480/3BA	2-4/30	\$628,000
364 62nd St. Bob McRae ext.145, Templeton Laverette Co.	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$625,000
6700 Liggett Rd. Rues Grant 510-814-4713, Harbor Bay Realty	3 - BD/2BA	2-4	\$625,000
25 Schoner Hill Hillier Highlands Mindy Scott, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	2 - BD/2BA	2-4/30	\$625,000
6706 Oakwood Dr. Montclair Peter Nicolopoulos, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-339-4700 ext.222	480/2.5BA	2-4/30	\$599,000
2838 - 35th Ave. Tan Anthony 510-934-2300, Pacific Union	4-Flr	2-4/30	\$599,000
6009 Pinewood Rd. Donna Costello 510-339-6460 ext.305, Pacific Union	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$599,000
5651 Colton Blvd. Montclair Judy Rankman, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$599,000
841 Santa Ray Ave. Adriana Giacomelli 510-339-6460 ext.356, Pacific Union	480/2 - BA	2-4/30	\$599,000
1917 Oak Crest Oakland Sandra Vogt, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	3 - BD/2BA	2-4/30	\$599,000
8101 Coach Dr. Oakland Montclair Better Homes, 510-339-4000	580/3BA	2-4/30	\$599,000
7021 Clinton Ave. Montclair Debbi DiMaggio, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$589,000
6070 Colton Blvd. Dick Cohen, 510-339-6460 ext.338, Pacific Union	48A/3BA	2-4/30	\$589,950

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4490 Arcadia Glenview Carol Robbians, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-531-7000 ext.289	580/4BA	2-4-20	\$569,000
4608 Park Blvd. Glenview Nancy at Chris, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-531-7000 ext.254	3 - 80/1BA	2-4-20	\$598,000
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5741 Grisborne Ave. Montclair Kathy Flurence, Prudential 510-339-8290	380/3BA	2-4-20	\$525,000
439 Terrabella Pl Redwood Hgts Gene Boomer, Prudential 510-339-9290	380/2 - BA	2-4-20	\$495,000
67 Homelign Montclair David Higgins, Prudential Piedmont 510-4210-9800	380/2BA	1-6-30	\$488,000
5893 Marriewood Dr. Montclair John Kersley, The GRIIIBS Co 510-339-0400	380/2BA	2-4-30	\$485,000
4295 Montgomey Piedmont Ave. Lisa Friedman, Prudential CA 510-866-8547	380/2BA	2-5	\$468,000
1166 Glendora Mark Miller, Prudential 510-429-0900	280/-BA	2-4-20	\$465,000
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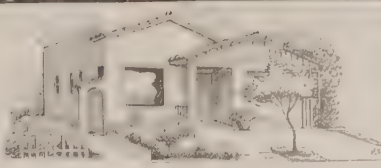
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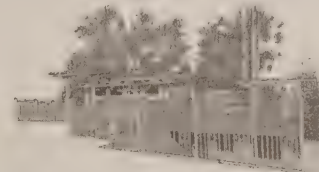
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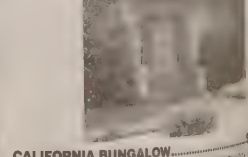
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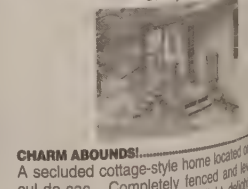
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## Gauchos lose duel in the wind

Hirose singles twice, but Jets win battle at Stargell Field

By Bill Kruissink  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Encinal Jets played one-run ball with the visiting El Cerrito Gauchos. A loud run here, a quiet run there.

But the runs stopped after the third and the Jets needed their other weapons to secure the win.

Playing in windy conditions at Willie Stargell Field on March 28, the Jets stopped the Gauchos 3-1. The league opener for both clubs, it gives the defending-champion Jets a 1-0 record in league — but just 5-4 overall.

"We're starting our second season off all right," Encinal coach Jim Saunders said. "We were 4-5 in '96 and came back to win (North Coast) last year. We still have potential."

But as the Gauchos (3-7, 0-1) made clear, wins will not come easily to the Jets, especially with every team looking to defeat the perennial champs.

"Playing Encinal got us pumped," said the Gauchos' Ken Hirose, who had two of his team's five hits.

The game was pretty much a pitcher's duel. Sure, Encinal touched



KATHY BAKER/STAFF

**KEN HIROSE** was forced at second base during the El Cerrito Gauchos' 3-1 loss to Encinal on March 28. Playing in Alameda, the Jets' Ricky Ellis applied the tag.

El Cerrito's freshman right-hander Gregg Murray early, getting solo homers from Jimmy Olson in the first and Cory Dunlap in the third. But the Jets' other run came as a result of an infield error — one caused by the wind catching a pop up and blowing it away from the third baseman, who just couldn't catch up to

it.

Hirose, the team's shortstop, said: "The wind — popups were blowing (toward right). Even that popup our third baseman dropped — maybe I should have called him off because (the ball) wound up right in front of me."

Mind you, the Jets had their

chances. They left two runners aboard in the first, two in the second and two more in each of the fourth and fifth innings. It was familiar pattern — and one that allows the opposition to stay close.

"We've been doing that all year," Saunders said. "In the games we've lost, we've left eight, 10, 11 (batters

on base. We're just not getting the clutch base hit."

The Jets stranded nine against the Gauchos.

Then again, El Cerrito was making its share of rally-ending plays. Murray closed out the second by get-

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## Souders shoulders task

On an hour's notice, lefty tosses 3-hitter

By Phil Jensen  
STAFF WRITER

**BERKELEY** — Berkeley High School pitcher Sean Souders found out about an hour before Wednesday's Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener against De Anza that he would be starting.

The surprise start didn't faze the sophomore left-hander, as he allowed only three hits and one unearned run in a complete-game effort as Berkeley defeated De Anza 7-1.

"I had time for my usual routine (before the game)," said Souders, who improved to 4-0 with the win. "We have a good defense this year, and it's easy to just think about throwing strikes."

Souders, who pitched Friday against Freedom, was forced into action when staff ace Moses Kopmar suffered a bruise above his right elbow from a thrown ball in Tuesday's practice. Berkeley coach Tim Moeller said that he expects Kopmar to be ready next week.

Souders has been practically unhittable recently, as he allowed only

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## Panthers run past Colts

STAFF REPORTS

The St. Mary's track and field team won 10 events Saturday at the Francis Invitational and now look toward the Stanford Invitational Saturday as another preparation for a shot at the state title.

On Wednesday in Union City, the Panthers participated in only their second dual meet of the season. The Mary's girls edged James Logan 87-89 but the Colt boys prevailed 87-

At St. Francis, the boys team had first-place finishes and the girls

Lamaya Warren, who has top marks in both the discus and shot at the state, won both events at St. Francis. She set a school and record with a put of 45 feet, 1/2 inch and threw 144-4 in the discus, which was a new meet record.

Danielle Stokes won the 300 hurdles in the school-record time of 1:10.2 seconds and was second in the 400 hurdles in 1:48.8. Stokes, Quiana Kemp, Tiffany Johnson and Sameka Savage won the 4x100 relay in 48.83. Stokes also teamed with Bridget Johnson and Savage to finish second in the 4x400 relay in 4:04.23.

The Gauchos won the event in 3:57.94. The boys winners were Chris Johnson in the 400 (49.27), the 4x100 relay team (Halilhi Guy, Omar Flood, Keyes, Dunbar) in 43.17, 800 relay (1:35.08) and Guy in the 400 hurdles (38.47).

The results: 100 — 1, Dunbar 49.27; 2, Guy 50.14; Courtney Brown 50.62. 400 relay — 1, St. Mary's 43.17. 800 medley relay — 1, St. Mary's (Guy, Johnson, Keyes, Flood, Dunbar) 44.48.

110 hurdles — 1, Kenworthy (St. Mary's) 1:47.5; 2, Guy 1:47.8; 3, Jackson-Baldwin-Anderson 1:48.9. 200 hurdles — 1, Guy 38.47.

Triple jump — 1, Grogan (Piedmont) 44 feet, 2 inches; 2, Dardinger 44.4. Discus — 1, Zandale (Aptos) 170-10; 2, Paul Weatherly 147-10.

Shot — 1, Johnson 122-54; 4, Plump 120-0. 100 — 1, Windham (Hollister) 17-18; 3, Duffy 2:22.60. 1500 — 1, Duffy 4:45.60.



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

**ST. MARY'S RELAY RUNNER SAMEKA SAVAGE**, seen here running March 8 at St. Mary's College, helped spark the Panthers' big win over Logan on March 28.

800 — 1, Caldwell (Los Gatos) 2:17.18; 3, Duffy 2:22.60. 1500 — 1, Duffy 4:45.60.

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### STANDINGS

#### Baseball

##### PREP

#### Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League

	W	L	GB
Alameda	1	0	—
Berkeley	1	0	—
Encinal	1	0	—
Pinole Valley	0	0	1/2
De Anza	0	1	1
El Cerrito	0	1	1
Richmond	0	1	1

Wednesday's results  
Encinal 3, El Cerrito 1  
Alameda 6, Richmond 1  
Berkeley 7, De Anza 1

#### Bay Shore Athletic League

	W	L	GB
John Swett	3	0	—
St. Joseph	2	1	1
St. Mary's	2	1	1
Salesian	2	1	1
St. Patrick	2	2	1 1/2
Piedmont	1	1	1 1/2
Albany	1	2	2
St. Elizabeth	0	2	2 1/2
Kennedy	0	3	3

Wednesday's results  
Salesian 5, Albany 3  
John Swett 5, St. Patrick 0  
St. Mary's 13, Piedmont 3

#### Softball

##### PREP

#### Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League

	W	L	GB
Berkeley	1	0	—
Encinal	1	0	—
Alameda	1	0	—
Pinole Valley	0	0	1/2
Richmond	0	1	1
De Anza	0	1	1
El Cerrito	0	1	1

Wednesday's results  
Encinal 18, El Cerrito 12  
Alameda 16, Richmond 1  
Berkeley 11, De Anza 3

#### Bay Shore Athletic League

	W	L	GB
Holy Names	3	0	—
John Swett	3	0	—
Salesian	3	0	—
Piedmont	2	1	1
St. Mary's	2	2	1 1/2
St. Patrick	2	2	1 1/2
St. Joseph	1	2	2
St. Elizabeth	0	3	3
Albany	0	3	3
Kennedy	0	3	3

Wednesday's results  
Salesian 5, Albany 1  
John Swett 7, St. Patrick 0  
Holy Names 12, St. Elizabeth 1  
Piedmont 5, St. Mary's 3

## Young Panthers fall to Scots

Loss drops St. Mary's to 1-5 in BSAL

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

**PIEDMONT** — Two rebuilding boys' volleyball programs got together here Tuesday afternoon to see which one is further along in the process.

One has aspirations to make the playoffs, while the other is all about getting experience.

Piedmont has a good program and had just enough experience to defeat St. Mary's 16-14, 15-3, 7-15, 15-8 in a Bay Shore Athletic League match. The Highlanders are 4-2 in league play (4-9 overall) and are in second place behind undefeated St. Joseph Notre Dame and fighting for a high spot in the playoffs. They will probably get one. The Panthers (1-6, 1-5 in the BSAL) won't.

But the St. Mary's program is young (one freshman, the rest juniors) and the Panthers did give Piedmont all it could handle in two of the four games played.

"This is only the third year we've even had a program and for most of these guys this is their second year even playing," first-year coach Trudi Herbert said. "This is the first year they actually had to play positions because last year they were just learning the game."

Herbert added: "But we're getting there. We have one player (Gary Lai) who has played all three years. No one plays club (volleyball)."

The Panthers are a by-the-book team, not taking very many chances and hitting the ball to spots rather than take big chances. The Highlanders exploited a weakness in the back line in the first set, running off to a 6-1 lead as the Panthers made five unforced errors.

But Piedmont made a ton of their

own mistakes and St. Mary's managed to edge ahead 10-8. Alan Wong had an ace and Greg De La Torre a kill — otherwise the Panthers were made beneficiaries of Piedmont mistakes.

The Highlanders came back to take an 11-10 lead, but two more Highlander errors pushed St. Mary's ahead 13-11. Piedmont tied it at 13-13 on a Sam Lee ace, but the Panthers edged ahead 14-13 on another Piedmont mishit.

It was the last Panther point of the game. St. Mary's had a net serve and the Highlanders roused themselves to win it with three straight kills.

Piedmont won the second game going away, but the Highlanders seemed to lose focus in the third game, allowing the Panthers to ring up a 12-5 lead. Andy Accacian's ace was the highlight of a 7-0 run that broke a 5-5 tie. This time the Panther didn't falter as they scored the last three points of the game. Accacian had a big block during the final flurry.

"This is probably the funnest sport I've played on a team so far," said Accacian, the sole freshman. "Last year, they weren't that good of a team, but this year we're staying in each game. I think next year if we stay together, we can do better."

Piedmont came out in the fourth game and simply wore down the Panthers. St. Mary's had pulled to within 7-5, but the Highlanders scored the next six points to take a 13-5 lead. The Panthers scored the next three points, two coming on a nice block by De La Torre and an ace by James Yang.

Piedmont coach Frank Jakka called time out, scolded his troops and Winston Fisher blasted two consecutive aces to finish the match.

So the Panthers left the gym having won one game and came very close to winning another. Give them a couple of years and they could make the playoffs. All they need is coaching stability and experience. The BSAL in not that tough a league — these goals can be accomplished.



# For island girls, the time is now!

The girls of the Alameda Junior Golf Club have had a long wait, but the day has finally arrived. Match play begins tomorrow at Lincoln Park Golf Course for the women's championship in the 85th San Francisco City Championship.

Qualifying for match play was way back on March 4 for the women, and it was there the Alameda girls shined. Only 16 spots were available, and they dominated.

Mika Takayama, the 27th ranked girl golfer in the nation, plays fellow Alamedan Ki Shui Lia, last year's medalist, in the first round. Takayama's Alameda High teammate, Lani Wong, plays last year's runnerup, Eden Anderson, formerly of the Cal golf team.

Martha Burkard did not have to qualify; she is the defending champion. Burkard will be the first player off the tee tomorrow morning. At 7:30 a.m. she plays Mimi Lo.

There is another lady from Alameda who made it into match play, a lady who is quite familiar with the junior golf club in Alameda. Sophia Hahn is the mother of James and Tom Hahn, both former NCGA Junior champions. Hahn has the unenviable task of playing medalist and eight-time champion Sally Krueger in the first round.

Connections to junior golf and Alameda were prevalent in the first two rounds of match play in the men's championship last weekend. Current Alameda Commuters champ Darryl Donovan won to matches in a convincing manner to advance to the sweet 16, and perennial Alameda men's club champion Mike Maurice defeated a very tough Scott Anderson 1-up to advance. And Jack Bieber, who has the restaurant concession at the Alameda links, also won twice last weekend, at the age of 54.

On the junior side, the youngest player in the field produced the biggest upset of the tournament. In the second round, 15-year-old Jong Yoon, a sophomore at California High School in San Ramon, defeated former Northern California golfer-of-the-year and 1999 S.F. City champ Randy Haag 1-up.

Zack Miller, a 16-year-old from San Raphael, beat a very tough



RON SALSIG  
Range Rat

Ken Harrington 4-and-3 last Sunday to advance. And Tommy Semereaux from Marin, playing in his first non-junior event, won two matches in convincing style, as did Terra Noble high sophomore David Kim.

Medalist Jim Evans barely squeaked by in his first match, defeating John Crowe on the first hole of sudden death. In the second round Evans defeated last year's medalist, John Enright (a native of Alameda) 4-and-3.

Current NCGA champion James Hay, who was runnerup last year in "The City," won two matches convincingly, as did defending champ Nick Ushijima.

The Alameda connection on the senior side had a bizarre turn on Sunday when Robert Dalziel (pronounced "de-el"), who hangs at the Alameda links as well as Lincoln, slumped to the ground minutes before his tee time. Dave Parsons and Tom Smith saved his life.

Smith, a retired San Francisco firefighter, and Parsons, a physical education teacher and coach at Vallejo High, administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and CPR to Dalziel, who had a heart attack.

All three fights - the men's, women's and senior's - are now in the sweet 16 and will play concurrently through April 8th.

The gallery will most likely be interested in Burkard, who won the women's crown last year at the unprecedented age of 12.

Burkard has grown nearly a foot since last year's championship, which she won with a stunning 8-iron to six feet on the 36th hole. Because she has had this growth spurt, she had to change her swing. All month she has been under the watchful eye of instructor John Lee, working hard at the Lucius Bateman driving range.

"She's ready," Lee said on Wednesday.

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## Track

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lister) 14.61; 2, Stokes 14.68.  
300 hurdles — 1, Stokes 46.16.  
4x100 relay — 1, St. Mary's 48.83.  
4x400 relay — 1, Los Gatos 3:57.94; 2, St. Mary's 4:04.23.  
Long jump — 1, Wojcicka 19-6;  
2, Plump 18-5; 3, Harper 16-4.  
Discus — 1, Warren 141-4.  
High jump — 1, Grimaldi (St. Ignatius) 5-8; 3, Shaw 5-4.  
Shot put — 1, Warren 45-0.  
Triple jump — 1, Duree (Burton)

37-7; 2, Johnson 36-10; 3, Plump 35-7.

Post meet:  
Against James Logan, Stokes won three events, and Duffy, Warren and Johnson won two apiece. Stokes won the 100 hurdles (14.5), 300 hurdles (45.3) and the long jump (17-6); Duffy the 1600 (5:21.7) and the 3200 (12:53.8); Warren the shot put (41-10), the discus (136-5); and Johnson the 100 (12.3) and the triple jump (36-51/2)... on the boys' side, Guy won the 110 hurdles (14.7) and the 300 hurdles (39.2)... Asokah Muhammad won the triple jump (48-71/2) and the long jump (22-10).

## Mavs soccer tryouts

The ACCYSL Mavericks Select Soccer Team will hold tryouts for boys and girls through April 29. The girls' tryouts will be at Fielding and Gabe fields on Fifth Street near Gilman in Berkeley. The boys' tryouts will be held on the same fields, as well as Booker T. Anderson field in Richmond, Cypress Avenue near 47th Street.

■ Under-15 girls: April 22, 10 a.m. at Fielding; Sunday, April 29, 3 p.m. at Gabe-West.

■ Under-16 girls: Sunday, April 8, 3 p.m. at Gabe-West; April 22, noon a.m. at Fielding.

■ Under-17/19 girls: Sunday, April 8, 3 p.m. at Gabe-West; Sunday, April 22, noon at Fielding; Sunday, April 29, 1 p.m. at Gabe-West.

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■ Under-16 boys: Sunday, Sunday, April 8, noon at Fielding; Sunday, April 22, 3 p.m. at Gabe-West; Sunday, April 29, 9 a.m. at BT Anderson.

■ Under-17 boys: Sunday, Sunday, April 8, 5 p.m. at Gabe-West; Sunday, April 22, 3 p.m. at Gabe-West; Sunday, April 29, 11 a.m. at BT Anderson.

■ Under-18/19 boys: Sunday, Sunday, April 8, 2 p.m. at Fielding; Sunday, April 22, 5 p.m. at Gabe-West; Sunday, April 29, 1 p.m. at BT Anderson.

For more information, turn to the Mavericks Web site <http://www.accysl.org>. Or call the Mavericks at (510) 655-8500.

The Mavericks program, which competes in the fall, has been drawing players from the East Bay since

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1989. The program fields 19 teams in age brackets from under-11 through under-19.

## Albany Little League

Albany Little League will kick off its 2001 season with an opening-day parade, ceremony and festivities on Saturday, March 31. The celebration begins at 9 a.m. with a parade, which includes Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League members, down Solano Ave. to the University Village Fields. Opening day ceremonies should get underway at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Mike Lee at 526-6199, or email to [mglaw@aol.com](mailto:mglaw@aol.com); or call Albany Little League President Rex Higginbotham at 526-1404.

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## Martinez, D'Alonzo 'batter' Cougars

STAFF REPORT

The Salesian battery of Vanessa Martinez and Niki D'Alonzo were powerful in the Chieftains' 3-1 victory over Albany in Bay Shore Athletic League play.

Martinez allowed only three hits, walked one and struck out 18 bat-

ters for Salesian (9-3, 3-0 in the BSAL). D'Alonzo, a catcher, belted a double and triple.

Albany pitcher Kyle Kemp was also effective, hurling a three-hitter with seven strikeouts. The Cougars are 0-3 in the BSAL.

## Gauchos

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ting slugger Olson to watch a called strike three and center fielder Jaramonte Cox robbed Ray Thomas of a home run in the third. Settled in at the fence, Cox timed his leap perfectly, snagging the ball as it cleared the wall.

But one thing Encinal did not do was make errors. In its previous four losses, the club made a whopping 27 errors, allowing 24 unearned runs to cross the plate.

Against El Cerrito, the Jets committed just one error and it didn't cost them.

Then again, the Jets had Dunlap on the hill. The junior left-hander managed to keep a lid on the Gauchos, yielding one hit in the third and another in the sixth — but very little in between.

"He did a good job of throwing low strikes — low strikes and hitting the outside corner," Hirose said. "I guess he was just throwing in the right places. He kept us off balance."

Dunlap ended the second, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh innings with strikeouts. Changing speeds well and moving the ball around, and walking just two, Dunlap kept the Gauchos quiet.

Until the seventh. Clinging to a 3-0 shutout, Dunlap entered the final inning having made 99 pitches. And the first batter he faced, pinch-hitter Dominic Majia, singled hard to right.

But Majia was called out at first as a result of his not being listed on the lineup card. He was ineligible to play.

The mistake cost the Gauchos, because the next guy up, Eugene

Teasley, doubled to the bottom of the fence in left-center. Hirose then singled Teasley to third, who went on to score his team's only run when James McDermott grounded to short.

But as had been true all game, Dunlap, who appeared to tire, had plenty more. He got the final batter to go down swinging.

Post game:  
STATS ... Hirose had two hits, Murray, Majia and Teasley one each.

Encinal had 10 hits, with every starter rapping out at least one. Number-eight hitter Mike Jones was the only Jet with more than one hit, going 2-for-3 with a run scored.

Dunlap fanned eight and wound up delivering 126 pitches.

Murray gave up 10 hits and walked two (he struck out four), but induced the Jets to pop up or fly out nine times.

"Murray is a freshman going out there and stepping up," Hirose said. "He's our ace right now."

SCHEDULES ... El Cerrito is idle until April 4 when it plays host to De Anza at 3:30 p.m.

## Jackets

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one hit in his last two outings before Wednesday. Against De Anza, he allowed singles to Clint Tanaka and Kyle Toy in the fourth inning and Alex Caine in the seventh.

"I was hoping he could go the distance," said Moellering, who had only one other pitcher available for Wednesday's game. "Sean came through under his pitch count."

Berkeley (7-3) produced key hits in the first, third and fourth innings to score all its runs against De Anza (4-5).

Matt Toma and Noah Roper contributed RBI singles in the first inning as the Yellowjackets took a 2-0 lead. Bennie Goldenberg stroked a two-out, two-run single to left in the third.

The Yellowjackets capped their scoring in the fourth. With two outs and two on, Jason Moore ripped a triple into the right-center field gap to drive in both baserunners. Clinton Calhoun followed with a single to right to knock in Moore.

## Berkeley 4, Freedom 0

With the bases loaded, nobody out

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# Arts

## 'Spy Kids' surprisingly sweet

■ Adventure, action — and a good heart — drive the latest film from the director of 'El Mariachi'

By Mary F. Pols  
STAFF WRITER

In the final minutes before the lights went down at a recent early screening of "Spy Kids," the 200 or so children in the audience, hopped up on candy and the promise of an extensive advertising campaign, were squirming, standing up in their chairs and chattering loudly.

A small boy leaned on the back of my chair, breathing heavily and stickily into my hair. A studio representative begged for minimal talking and fled. Were Dante writing in the age of the multiplex, he could not have omitted this particular circle of hell. I prepared for a long 90 minutes.

What I didn't anticipate was how good writer/director Robert Rodriguez's action flick for kids would be. It's got a sly sense of humor, gloriously fantastical sets and, at its core, a goodhearted message about the importance of family. All this from a man who became famous for

### REVIEW

■ WHAT: 'Spy Kids'

■ STARRING: Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino, Alexa Vega, Daryl Sabara, Alan Cumming, Teri Hatcher, Tony Shalhoub

■ RATING: PG (action sequences)

■ RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 33 minutes

■ WHERE: Opens today at area theaters

■ GRADE: A-

making a \$7,000 shoot-'em-up movie called "El Mariachi" in 1993, then following it with "Desperado," another violent action movie.

"Desperado" star Antonio Banderas reteams with Rodriguez for "Spy Kids," playing former super-spy Gregorio Cortez. If you are worried about Banderas — making a kids' movie isn't always the best sign for a career — don't be. He opted for quality.

Gregorio retired from spydom when he met and married fellow spy Ingrid (the perky Carla Gugino).



SAVE THE PARENTS: Daryl Sabara and Alexa Vega head off to adventure in "Spy Kids."

Eleven years later, they have two kids, Carmen (Alexa Vega) and Juni (Daryl Sabara), and a lucrative consulting business that enables them to have a gadget-filled cliffside home. The kids have no inkling that Ingrid's bedtime stories about spies who fell in love are autobiographical.

Buried in that bedtime story is a

message that's sown throughout the movie: Marriage and family are perhaps the most important things in life, but neither is easy. "Marriage is a mission so complex it frightened even her, a hardened and experienced secret agent," Ingrid tells

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## Children's museum launches child safety series

■ Helmet, car seat and general household safety highlighted at exhibit that kicks off March 31

At what age do children need to start wearing helmets? Are your car seats installed correctly and safely? Where is the best place to keep dangerous household poisons? Are your smoke detectors installed and working properly? Habitat Children's Museum, through its 3-month-long Early Childhood Safety exhibit and accompanying workshops, will answer these questions and help raise awareness of child safety issues.

The campaign is intended to help reduce unintentional accidents, "the biggest threat to the life and health of children 1 to 6 years old," according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The series of Child Safety Days will kick-off on March 31st from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum. Berkeley firefighters will arrive in full uniform to supervise a firefighter dress-up relay race to help young children ease the fears they sometimes have about uniformed rescue workers. Berkeley police officers will also be on-hand with their "kidprint" program, registering the handprints of young people. The Berkeley Public Health Department will coordinate

a tricycle rodeo and provide information about proper helmet fitting. Museum visitors will be able to purchase Bell toddler bicycle helmets that meet all CPSC, ASTM, and ANSI standards, for only \$5. Other activities include information about childproofing your home and taking a family safety survey.

Unintentional injuries are responsible for more child deaths each year than homicide, suicide, congenital abnormalities, cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness, and HIV combined. "Most unintentional injuries to children can be prevented," said Gina Moreland, director of Habitat.

"With tens of thousands of parents with preschool age children visiting Habitat each year, we felt the museum could make a difference in young children's health and safety by hosting these events."

Habitat's Early Childhood Safety Campaign, funded by an Alameda County "Every Child Counts" community grant, will continue through June 30th with events at the museum as well as at community locations. On April 22, the Earthquake Troupe will perform on the museum main stage with bicycle safety tips from jugglers and unicyclists emphasizing helmet safety. On June 2, the Berkeley Police Department will coordinate a car seat safety check on the upper level of the TransActions

Parking garage on Kittredge Street, across from the museum entrance. Other events and demonstrations include smoke detector distribution, CPR and choke saving demonstrations and child-proofing information.

The brainchild of Habitat's Director of Grant Programs, Kellie Stoddart, the exhibit holds special

meaning for her. In 1999, while on a preschool visitation, Kellie's daughter's life changed dramatically in a split second. While Kellie spoke to a preschool teacher, her daughter, then 16 months old, sat down on a training tricycle momentarily, lost her bal-

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## Summer multi-arts Music Discovery Workshop enrolling now for July

Kids explore music and history in the Music Discovery Workshop, when the multi-arts Renaissance Day Camp for youngsters 8-13 returns to Thousand Oaks Baptist Church in North Berkeley, July 16-20. The children all study recorder or harpsichord with top teachers. They sing, dance and perform a play in the setting of Elizabethan England, William Shakespeare's era. The program is sponsored by the San Francisco Early Music Society (SFEMS).

The Discovery Workshop is intergenerational, with a parallel program for parents and grandparents of students, and other adults, who can audit a mini-course in the Renaissance. Classroom teachers can

earn two units of Continuing Education credit through San Francisco State University. History comes alive all week, with Shakespearean language and Renaissance snacks, and the finale is a musical and dramatic entertainment for family and friends, followed by a potluck Renaissance feast.

Dick Bagwell, historic drama and dance specialist, is the director. Additional faculty are Katherine Heater (harpsichord), Drina Brooke (recorder), and Rachel Streeter (recorder), all well-known teachers and performers.

Information: 510-548-1206; piperhq@home.com. SFEMS's Web site: www.sfems.org.

## Pinole Valley High thinks REALLY BIG

"A reel-y big shew." Poor Ed Sullivan — old-time news-paper columnist turned pioneer TV host — never lived down his pronunciation of those words one night to introduce his television show.

Sullivan has been gone now for more than a quarter-century, but his phrase lives on and applies to a local production.

The Pinole Valley High School performing arts department, a part of the West County Conservatory of the Arts, is in rehearsal for "CRAZY FOR YOU, The New Capital Letters are part of the title, like the exclamation point in "Oklahoma!"

A reel-y big shew?

You be the judge.

The show features a cast of 60 singers and dancers, a pit orchestra of 25 musicians and a stage crew of 50.

David Clark, PVHS theater instructor, is directing the mammoth production. Musical direction is by Nita Jason, conservatory voice teacher. Anjee Norgaard is doing the choreography. Ed Nesmith, the performing arts department's instrumental music instructor, is conducting the musicians.

Kate Mauli, a senior and an advanced theater student, is student director. Assistant choreographers are Linda Duda and Juliana Jason.

"CRAZY FOR YOU" obviously couldn't be really "new." Composer George Gershwin and his brother Ira, who wrote the words, are no longer with us. George died in 1937 at age 39. Ira, older by two years, died in 1983 when he was 87.



JACK TUCKER  
Community theater

"CRAZY FOR YOU" is a musical pastiche, a reworking by writer Ken Ludwig of the Gershwins' 1930 Broadway hit, "Girl Crazy." Ludwig tossed out the silly old plot and unfunny ethnic jokes, kept many of the old tunes and came up with a more contemporary story line.

Pinole Valley High takes it from there. Andrew Savine, a junior theater and music student, plays Bobby, who Clark describes as "a young man in love with musical theater."

Carley Bain, a senior theater and music student, plays a singing and dancing "all-American girl," Clark said. And don't anybody dare mention typecasting! The show demands it. And "it" is right there in class.

Miles Cote appears as Bela Zangler, an established New York producer. Lisa Newton is Irene Roth, a New York City secretary debutante.

And that still leaves 56 energetic and talented cast members deserving of mention by name, but space is running out.

Some of the old "Girl Crazy" tunes you'll probably remember include "Bidin' My Time," "Embraceable You" and "I Got Rhythm." That last one stopped the show in New York when it was belted out by an ex-stenographer named Ethel Zimmerman, who later

dropped the "Zim" to become the incomparable Ethel Merman.

"CRAZY FOR YOU" opened on Broadway in 1992 and ran for 1,643 performances before the final curtain four years later.

It plays for four performances at the Pinole Valley High School theater — 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and April 6 and 7. Reserved seating is \$10; general admission \$9. Call 510-758-8281.

TYPECAST NO-NO: And while you're holding your tongue about typecasting, keep it in check before using the term around Robert Love and Shay Oglesby-Smith over at the Masquers Playhouse in Point Richmond.

They are playing the title roles of "archy and mehitabel," respectively, in the musical of the same name opening at 8 p.m. Friday at the playhouse, 105 Park Place.

Archy (Love) is a cockroach who wants to be a poet. He writes in a newspaper office at night one letter at a time by diving headfirst onto the keys of a typewriter. He writes of many things, but mostly about his friend mehitabel (Oglesby-Smith), the Queen of the Alley Cats and the wildest and freest creatures of all.

The two unlikely characters first appeared in the New York Sun in 1916 in stories by Don Marquis. Over the years the tales were collected and republished. In 1954, an album was recorded with Carol Channing and Eddie Bracken, words by Joe Darion and music by George Kleinsinger. It opened on Broadway in 1957 as "Shinbone Alley" with Bracken and Eartha Kitt.

By this time, Mel Brooks had joined the writing team.

Tammy Grimes played mehitabel in a TV version. The musical came full circle when the voices of Channing and Bracken were heard in the 1971 animated film version of "Shinbone Alley."

"archy and mehitabel" — no capital letters; poor archy doesn't weigh enough to punch the "shift" keys — continues Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through May 12, with Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. April 8, 22, 29 and May 6. Tickets are \$14. Call 510-232-4031.

ONE LAST FLING: The final performance of "PASSION: A Love Affair with Dance" will be presented by Move Dance Theatre at 2 p.m. today at the Valley Center for Performing Arts, 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland.

The nine-member multicultural, multigenerational company is presenting new works by Bonnie Sita, artistic director; Lateef Swain, associate choreographer; and company members Jorge Mendoza and Kathy Collett.

"PASSION" embraces various dance expressions and includes numbers set to period jazz, blues, Latin, and contemporary jazz.

Tickets are \$6 to \$15 and are available at the Move Dance Theatre box office, 510-465-6678 and at the door.

Send items of interest to Jack Tucker at P.O. Box 100, Pinole, CA 94564; fax to 510-262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@ctimes.com, or call 510-262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

### EVENTS

REI Berkeley — April 5 through April 26  
"Bicycle Touring in Europe." April 5, 7 p.m. A slide presentation by independent bicyclists and budget travelers Tim O'Mahoney and Kathie Strell who cycled more than 2,000 miles through France, Switzerland and Austria. Learn how to plan and successfully execute a bicycle tour.  
Free unless otherwise noted 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-4140

Marcus Book Store — Michael Datcher, March 30. The author discusses his book "Raising Fences: A Black Man's Love Story." Glinda Bridgeforth, April 5. The author will discuss her book "Girl, Get Your Money Straight!"  
Events are free and start at 6:30 p.m. unless listed otherwise. 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 852-2344

Grand Lake Oakland Certified Farmers Market — Ongoing. A chance to buy local organic produce and baked goods.  
Free. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. MacArthur Boulevard and Grand Avenue, Oakland. (415) 456-FARM or (800) 897-FARM

Jack London Square Farmers Market — Ongoing. A chance to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, baked goods, and more.  
Free. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jack London Square, foot of Broadway Oakland. (510) 814-6000 or www.jacklondonsquare.com

National Library Week At The Oakland Public Library — April 1 through April 7. The library and its branches will be showcasing all the elements that make up a fine urban library system as well as offering talks by famous authors, poetry events, and performances.  
"An Evening With Alice Walker," April 5, 7 p.m. This renowned poet and author will discuss her most recent book "The Way Forward Is With A Broken Heart." At the James Moore Theatre, Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak St. (510) 238-3134.

"A Celebration of Poets and Writers." April 7, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Poets and writers will attend and share their work. Light refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Oakland Public Library and by Poets and Writers Inc. in the West Auditorium.  
Free. Oakland Main Library, 125 14th St., Oakland. (510) 238-3134

Paramount Movie Classics Series — ongoing. The evening includes a classic movie, walk-in music from the Wurlitzer organ, a newsreel, cartoon, movie previews and the Paramount's prize give-away game "Dec. O-Win." Call for schedule.  
"The Sting," March 30, 8 p.m. The 1973 movie featuring Robert Redford and Paul Newman.  
"My Little Chickadee," April 5, 7:30 p.m. The 1940 film starring Mae West and W.C. Fields.  
\$5. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 465-6400 or (925) 762-2277.

"La Follia: Early Music Vaudeville" — March 30, 7 p.m. An evening of hors d'oeuvres and wine, and an 8 p.m. concert exploring the rare genre of comedy in "early" music including dramatizations of Purcell's "Bess of Bedlam," the "Folia Variations," tea cup "Stomp," and Bernstein's "Bonne Cuisine." A benefit for the San Francisco Early Music Society.  
\$30. Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak St., Oakland. (925) 283-7134.

The 6th Annual Bard's Birthday Gala! — March 31, 6 p.m. A black tie celebration of the 437th birthday of William Shakespeare benefiting the California Shakespeare Festival. The evening includes a champagne reception, dinner, live and silent auctions, and dancing into the night to the music of Tongue 'n' Cheek.  
\$175 to \$250 per person. Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, University of California, 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 546-3422, ext. 122.

"Tongue Tuesdays . . . Televised" — April 3 through April 24. A filming of Spoken Word Poetry, Verbal and Musical Entertainment before a live studio audience made up of the general public.

"Gurl Power," April 3, 8 p.m. Female artists include Noel Jones of the NY/Urbania Slam Team 2000 Champions; Angela Boyce, Nisa Ahmad, Nazeelah Jamison of the Oakland Slam Team; Tynia Autry of the Seattle Slam Team and Guest Host, Talamy Acey, "International Slam Champion."

Free to the general public. Eli's Mile High Club, 3629 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 655-6661.

The Oakland Athletics Opening Day — April 6, 7:05 p.m. Opening day includes pre-game festivities and give-aways and the baseball game against the Anaheim Angels.  
\$6 to \$30. Network Associates Coliseum, Hegenberger Road and Interstate Highway 880, Oakland. (510) 762-2255.

Small Press Distribution Open House — April 7, noon to 4 p.m.

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BILL MANN  
Media Notes

### Lawyers and cinema

By the time you read this, Julia Roberts should just about be wrapping up her acceptance

speech. This being Oscar week, I'd like to pass along a few items on a handy list forwarded to me by KQED-FM talk host Michael

Tracy, a brief history of attorneys in the movies. Among the titles are "Duck Suit," "Birth of a Motion Picture," "A Fee Grows in Brooklyn," "From Here to Attorney's Fee," "Rebel With a Cause of Action," "Attorney of the Apes," and "Five Easy Wives."

Also: "Co-mirror's Daughter," "The Writ Stuff," "Desperately Seeking Susan," "Deposing Miss Daisy," "Juristic Park," "Good Will Hunting" and "Crouching Client, Hidden Lawyer."

Where the money goes: I've been making this point for years in various columns. But this week, as the debate rages about McCain-Rainald and campaign finance reform, it's especially timely to remind readers where all this soft money has been going.

Washington Post columnist David Broder raised this point in a recent column. Broder wrote that voters he's interviewed "think the money is going into the coffers of political parties to line the pockets of politicians." But, the widely respected Broder points out, it's not the political parties and candidates — they're only the middlemen in this process, writing checks as fast as contributions arrive.

Writing checks to whom? Broadcasters, Broder says, mostly to pay for those nasty 30-second attack ads on radio and TV most of us deplore. Broder cites figures showing that broadcasters in the top 70 media markets raked in \$171 million from the sale of political ads (mostly negative ones) last year.

McCain, notes Broder, has treated a bill that would require the glutinous broadcasters — in return for their use of the public airwaves — to contribute a small percentage of their billings to vouchers for candidates to buy air time.

If you and I were to suggest this, we'd be called socialists or worse — and I have been. (McCain, as far as I know, hasn't been.)

It's absurd that our political system has been so corrupted so that politicians can buy TV time — time that should be given away free as a condition of license.

If you think the broadcasters will fight any such proposals like pit bulls, you'd be right. After all, they own currency printing presses.

Broder's insightful Post piece concluded: "As long as broadcasters can continue to treat politics as a profit center, not a public responsibility, the money will have to come from somewhere to pay those bills."

"The current debate," adds Broder, "focuses too much on the people who write the checks. It's time to question where the money goes."

Long past time.

MEDIA NOTES, QUOTES:

"I can't write to Channel 4," says noted former Rolling Stone photographer/publisher Baron M. "To ask them to please get Wendy Tokuda? Her ineptitude in reading the news is appalling." I don't know what to say, Kohn. It appears that no matter how many lines she blows or how she mispronounces (one of her latest gaffes: pronouncing the city of Mobile, Alabama, like the name of the oil company), Tokuda always somehow manages to hang on at Channel 4. But at least we can make a game out of it: One reader in Montclair e-mails that she kept a notebook for a week, counting Tokuda mistakes, "and it averaged eight to ten per every half-hour show." ... How about this as a trade-off? The credit-card companies get their bankruptcy fees — at least, ABC reports, Burt Reynolds won't get to keep a \$1.5 million mansion next time he files for bankruptcy.

As a quid pro quo, California reinforces the usury laws it quietly dropped in the late 1970s, laws that put a ceiling on interest that can be charged on loans. Fair is fair, right? So why not ban this lethal loan-sharking? Speaking of which, anyone else find it interesting that one night on the TV news, we see tape of execs of a

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## NOW PLAYING

## FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Times and showtimes subject to change.  
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Showtimes for Friday, March 30.

## Alameda County

## Act I &amp; II

2113 Castro Street, Berkeley 943-FILM  
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 7:00, 9:50  
● **The Widow of St. Pierre** (La Veuve de Saint Pierre) (R) 7:10, 9:40

## Albany Twin

1145 Second Avenue, Albany 843-FILM  
● **In the Mood for Love** (PG) 6:45, 9:50  
● **Pollock** (R) 6:30, 9:10

## California Theatres

2113 Kinross Street, Berkeley 843-FILM  
● **Chocolat** (PG-13) 1:35, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15  
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40  
● **The Mexican** (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 9:50

## Century 25 Union City Landing\*

32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9553  
● **15 Minutes** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 10:15  
● **Blow** (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 9:10, 10:05, 10:50, 11:40  
● **Chocolat** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:25, 7:30, 10:10  
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 1:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 9:10, 10:05, 10:50, 11:40  
● **Down to Earth** (PG-13) 1:30 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40, 11:55

● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 11:45 a.m., 1:15, 2:45, 4:15, 5:45, 7:15, 8:45, 10:15, 11:35  
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 12:00, 12:55, 2:40, 3:10, 5:00, 5:30, 7:25, 7:55, 9:45, 10:15 midnight  
● **Gladiator** (R) 12:35, 4:05, 7:15, 10:35  
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 1:30 a.m., 2:40, 2:15, 3:55, 5:00, 5:45, 7:45, 9:50, 10:35

● **The Mexican** (R) 11:35 a.m., 1:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25  
● **Say It Isn't So** (R) 7:35, 9:50  
● **See Spot Run** (PG) 12:35, 3:00, 5:25

● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 1:05, 2:20, 3:20, 4:40, 5:40, 7:05, 8:25, 9:25, 10:25, 11:50  
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 12:45, 1:50, 2:55, 4:00, 5:15, 6:15, 7:20, 8:25, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45

● **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20  
● **Tomcats** (R) 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:55, 2:50, 4:30, 5:35, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20 midnight

● **Traffic** (R) 12:05, 3:30, 6:40, 9:55

## Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555  
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 9:15

## Chabot Space &amp; Science Center Tien MegaDome\*

10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 336-7300  
● **The Mysterians of Egypt** (NR) 11:30 a.m., 3:00, 8:30  
● **Solar Wind** (NR) 7:30

● **To Be an Astronaut** (NR) 10:30 a.m., 1:00

## Elmwood

2010 Broadway Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530  
● **Gladiator** (R) 4:10, 7:30  
● **Requirement for a Dream** (NR) 5:00, 9:40  
● **Shadow of the Vampire** (R) 5:40, 9:40  
● **Thirteen Days** (PG) 6:15, 9:45  
● **Woolly Bear** (R) 7:20  
● **Yi Yi** (A One and a Two) (NR) 6:30

## Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley\*

2651 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 845-1143  
● **Land of the Living** (NR) 8:45  
● **Macchia: A Latin Jazz Legacy** (NR) 7:30

## Grand Lake Theater

1500 Grand Lake Avenue, Oakland 452-3556  
● **The Brothers** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30  
● **Chocolat** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15  
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45  
● **The Mighty Wildflower** (NR) 6:00  
● **Say It Isn't So** (R) 7:20, 9:40  
● **Traffic** (R) 12:05, 3:00, 6:00

## Jack London Cinema\*

100 Washington Street, Oakland 433-1320  
● **15 Minutes** (R) 4:10  
● **Blow** (R) 7:20  
● **The Brothers** (R) 11:15 a.m., noon, 1:40, 2:25, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30, 11:40  
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:10  
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00  
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 7:50, 10:15

● **The Mexican** (R) 7:40, 10:40  
● **See Spot Run** (PG) 11:35 a.m., 2:05, 5:10  
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 9:45  
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:00 a.m., 1:35, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30  
● **Tomcats** (R) 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25

## Mann Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward\*

19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000  
● **The Brothers** (R) 12:05, 12:20, 2:10, 2:50, 4:50, 5:20, 7:15, 7:50, 9:40, 10:10  
● **Down to Earth** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 9:55  
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:10, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20  
● **Get Over It** (PG-13) 9:45  
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:15  
● **See Spot Run** (PG) 12:15, 2:40, 5:00  
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:20, 5:05, 7:30, 10:10  
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 9:55, 10:20, 11:00

## NAZ 8

39400 American Way, Fremont 797-2000  
● **American Desi** (NR) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, midnight  
● **Chori Chori Chupke Chupke** (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
● **One 2 Ka 4** (NR) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00

## Oaks Theater\*

1875 Soano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1835  
● **Malena** (R) 8:00  
● **Say It Isn't So** (R) 9:00  
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 10:00, 9:00

## Piedmont Theatre

4186 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 843-FILM  
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:30, 9:30  
● **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 1:30, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45  
● **You Can Count on Me** (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

## Shattuck Cinemas\*

2230 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM  
● **15 Minutes** (R) 4:20, 9:10  
● **Before Night Falls** (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00  
● **Best in Show** (PG-13) 2:15, 7:05  
● **Blow** (R) 1:10, 3:40, 5:30, 9:30  
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:05  
● **Me You Them** (NR) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00  
● **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:30, 6:55, 9:20  
● **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35  
● **The Taste of Others** (Le Gout des Autres) (NR) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30  
● **Tomcats** (R) 12:55, 3:05, 5:15, 7:25, 9:40  
● **You Can Count on Me** (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15

## UA Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-1487  
● **The Brothers** (R) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00  
● **Cast Away** (PG-13) 12:10, 3:15, 7:10, 10:20  
● **Get Over It** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:35, 4:45  
● **Gladiator** (R) 12:05, 3:30, 7:30, 10:30  
● **Hannibal** (R) 7:05, 9:55  
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) noon, 2:40, 5:25, 8:10, 10:55  
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 12:25, 2:55, 5:30, 8:00, 10:35  
● **Traffic** (R) 12:45, 4:15, 7:30, 10:40

## UA Emerybay 10

6330 Christie Avenue, Emeryville 420-0107  
● **Blow** (R) 7:50  
● **The Brothers** (R) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, 11:30 AM, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30, 12 AM  
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:20, 12:30 a.m.

● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40  
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 11:15 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 10:30, 12:30 a.m.  
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 10:30 a.m., 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10

● **Say It Isn't So** (R) 10:30 a.m., 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10  
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20

● **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45  
● **Tomcats** (R) noon, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, 12:30 a.m.  
● **Traffic** (R) 12:15, 3:45, 7:20, 10:30

## UA Hayward 6

24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-3000

● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50  
● **Hannibal** (R) 7:30, 10:30  
● **The Mexican** (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30  
● **Say It Isn't So** (R) 12:40, 2:50, 5:10  
● **Tomcats** (R) 12:20, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40  
● **Traffic** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00

## UC Theatre

2036 University Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM  
Call theater for schedule

## Central Contra Costa

## Crow Canyon 6

2525 San Ramon Valley Boulevard, San Ramon 820-4831  
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45  
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50  
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10  
● **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 7:20, 9:55  
● **See Spot Run** (PG) noon, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20  
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00  
● **Tomcats** (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15

## Festival Walnut Creek

1450 North California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-8649  
● **The Mexican** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:40, 10:15  
● **Pollock** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45  
● **Say It Isn't So** (R) 7:20  
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50  
● **Traffic** (R) 12:10, 10:10  
● **You Can Count on Me** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

## Orinda Theater\*

4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-9060  
● **Chocolat** (PG-13) 1:25, 3:30, 9:30  
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 7:00, 9:30  
● **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 7:15, 9:45

## Park Theater

5519 Golden Gate Parkway, Lafayette 283-7997  
● **The Widow of St. Pierre** (La Veuve de Saint Pierre) (R) 7:00, 9:30

## Rheem All-Stadium 4\*

330 Park Street, Menlo Park 958-3411  
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 4:15, 7:00, 9:35  
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45  
● **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 5:15, 7:30, 9:25  
● **Traffic** (R) 8:45, 9:30

## West Contra Costa

● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 11:45 a.m., 1:15, 2:45, 4:15, 5:45, 7:15, 8:45, 10:15, 11:35  
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 12:00, 12:55, 2:40, 3:10, 5:00, 5:30, 7:25, 7:55, 9:45, 10:15 midnight  
● **Gladiator** (R) 12:35, 4:05, 7:15, 10:35  
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 1:30 a.m., 2:40, 2:15, 3:55, 5:00, 5:45, 7:45, 9:50, 10:35  
● **The Mexican** (R) 11:35 a.m., 1:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25  
● **Say It Isn't So** (R) 7:35, 9:50  
● **See Spot Run** (PG) 12:35, 3:00, 5:25  
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 1:05, 2:20, 3:20, 4:40, 5:40, 7:05, 8:25, 9:25, 10:25, 11:50  
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 12:45, 1:50, 2:55, 4:00, 5:15, 6:15, 7:20, 8:25, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45  
● **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20  
● **Tomcats** (R) 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:55, 2:50, 4:30, 5:35, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20 midnight  
● **Traffic** (R) 12:05, 3:30, 6:40, 9:55

## Century 10 Pinole

1451 Regal Drive, Pinole 222-8000  
● **The Brothers** (R) 11:35 a.m., 12:15, 1:50, 2:40, 4:20, 5:10, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20  
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20  
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 12:30, 3:50, 7:05, 10:10  
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 9:45  
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:25, 10:25  
● **Say It Isn't So** (R) 7:20, 9:55  
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50  
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:35, 3:45, 5:55, 8:05, 10:15  
● **Tomcats** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10

## San Francisco

● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 11:45 a.m., 1:15, 2:45, 4:15, 5:45, 7:15, 8:45, 10:15, 11:35  
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 12:00, 12:55, 2:40, 3:10, 5:00, 5:30, 7:25, 7:55, 9:45, 10:15 midnight  
● **Gladiator** (R) 12:35, 4:05, 7:30, 11:00  
● **Hannibal** (R) 7:10, 10:25, 10:15  
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:50, 7:40, 10:40  
● **The Mexican** (R) 1:50, 4:55, 8:00, 11:05  
● **Say It Isn't So** (R) 1:00, 8:10  
● **See Spot Run** (PG) 1:25, 4:10  
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:10  
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55  
● **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 12:00, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00  
● **Tomcats** (R) 12:45, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05, 10:45  
● **Traffic** (R) 12:30, 4:40, 7:25, 10:50

## AMC 1000 Van Ness

1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415/922-44MC  
● **15 Minutes** (R) 1:45, 4:40, 10:30  
● **Blow** (R) 7:35  
● **Chocolat** (PG-13) 1:05, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15  
● **Say It Isn't So** (R) 1:15, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55  
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45  
● **Tomcats** (R) 12:20, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25

## AMC Kabuki 8

1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415/922-44MC  
● **The Brothers** (R) 1:45, 5:05, 7:30, 10:35  
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:15  
● **Debut** (NR) 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:45  
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 12:50, 4:00, 7:30, 10:00  
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05  
● **Say It Isn't So** (R) 1:15, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55  
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45  
● **Tomcats** (R) 12:20, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25

## Bridge

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415/352-0810  
● **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45

## Castro Theatre

Castro Street & Market Streets, San Francisco 415/621-6120  
● **Himalaya** (NR) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

## Clay

2261 Filmore Street, San Francisco 415/352-0810  
● **Pollock** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

## Embarcadero

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415/352-0810  
● **Before Night Falls** (R) 12:30, 3:30, 5:30, 9:30  
● **Memento** (NR) noon, 12:30, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:30, 9:40, 10:00  
● **The Widow of St. Pierre** (La Veuve de Saint Pierre) (R) 12:15, 3:15, 6:45, 9:20  
● **You Can Count on Me** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50

## Lumiere

1572 California Street, San Francisco 415/352-0810  
● **The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me** (NR) 12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15, 9:20  
● **Requirement for a Dream** (NR) 12:30, 3:30, 7:40, 9:55  
● **The Taste of Others** (Le Gout des Autres) (NR) 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50  
● **Too Much Sleep** (NR) 5:20

## Opera Plaza Cinemas

601 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415/352-0810  
● **Billy Elliot** (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40  
● **In the Mood for Love** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 7:30, 9:50  
● **Me You Them** (NR) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:45  
● **Quills** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

## Red Vic

1727 Haight Street, San Francisco 415/668-3994  
● **Gamera 3** (NR) 7:15, 9:35

## Roxie

3117 18th Street, San Francisco 415/863-1087  
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 7:00, 9:30

## Sony Metreon

101 4th Street, San Francisco 415/369-6200  
● **15 Minutes** (R) 12:50, 4:00  
● **Blow** (R) 7:20  
● **The Brothers** (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:20, 5:40, 9:



## Reviews

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which deserves to be required. — A.O. Scott. (R: PG-13; sexual situations.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. B+

**"THE MEXICAN":** A perfectly engendered date movie, enough action for the boys, and cute outfits and a love story for the girls. Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts are appealing as a feuding couple. Pitt has one last job to finish on the mob, but it's a doozy, eventually involving his girlfriend (Roberts). There's a spirited hokey quality to "The Mexican," but its two stars are so appealing and the supporting cast so strong, especially James Gandolfini, that it works most of the time. — M. Pols. (R: violence, language.) 2 hours, 18 minutes. B+

**"THE BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU?":** The most subtly insane and creative movie to come along for awhile is this hybrid of "The Wizard of Oz," the latest from the Coen brothers ("Fargo," "Raising Arizona"), George Clooney, John Turturro and Tim Blake Nelson, play a trio of chain-gang escapees making their way around the back roads of Mississippi in the middle of the Depression. Based on "The Odyssey," although beyond the basics the Homeric references are fairly stark, the soundtrack is fantastic, so are the visuals and you'll want to make a real trip to catch all the jokes. And there's a nag-a-long chopper in sight. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some violence and language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. A-

**"POLLOCK":** You can't beat the acting of director-star Ed Harris' biographical movie about painter Jackson Pollock. The troubled artist, Harris is brilliant, and so is Marcia Gay Harden as his wife, painter Lee Krasner, who sacrifices her own time to baby-sit the self-destructive genius. The supporting actors, including Amy Madigan as art collector Peggy Guggenheim, are right on. But the movie suffers from the conglomeration of yale screwed-up-artist stuff. And, although no bio-pic can cover all the territory in someone's life, there are missing pieces within the version Harris has chosen to tell. In a two-hour version on PBS or HBO, this might have been a much more gloriously rich story. — M. Pols. (R: language and brief sexuality.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. B-

**"QUILLS":** Bay Area filmmaker Philip Kaufman returns to directing after a seven-year absence with a big splash, a movie about the Marquis de Sade who has best-picture nomination written all over it. Geoffrey Rush ("Shine") plays the infamous pornographer, who has been imprisoned in an insane asylum. He keeps churning out the porn, which is smuggled out to his publisher by a comely laundress, played by Kate Winslet. The movie feels almost like a parody of the Marquis' quills (his penis) taken from him by a doctor (Michael Caine) who plans to "cure" him of his sickness, and everything goes dark and tragic. You won't see a better collection of actors at work this year. — M. Pols. (R: strong sexual content, including dialogue, violence and language.) 2 hours, 3 minutes. A

**"REQUIEM FOR A DREAM":** Very, very good but hard to recommend, because watching it is such a brutal experience. Adapted (barely) from the Albert Camus novel of the same name, "Requiem" takes a hard look at addiction. Ellen Barkyn is a truly Coney Island widow who gets

hooked on diet pills. Jared Leto plays her son, who, along with girlfriend Jennifer Connelly and best friend Marlon Wayans, is addicted to heroin. Director Darren Aronofsky ("Pi") plays a series of visual tricks on us; creatively, he's on fire, and so are all four actors. — M. Pols. (NR: extensive drug use, some nudity and some graphic sexuality.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. A

**"SAY IT ISN'T SO":** The Farrelly brothers have finally gone and done it. They've become ... sort of ironically, the producers have wussed out just when they've embraced one of the last remaining taboos. Nice guy and orphan Gilly Noble (Chris Klein) and inept hairdresser Jo Wingfield (Heather Graham) hook up, only to find they may be siblings. If the taboo is the joke, revulsion has to be the punch line. Aside from the occasional incest pun, the film doesn't veer too much from the average screwball comedy of errors and misunderstandings. Also stars Orlando Jones and Sally Field. — V. Chan. (R: strong sexual content, crude humor, language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C

**"SERIES 7":** Completely shot in television vérité, the film is a diabolically clever sendup of reality shows. The show-within-a-show is "The Contesters," which scripts six strangers, equips them with an arsenal and sends them out to kill one another. Reigning champ Dawn Lagarta (well-played by Brooke Smith) can win her freedom if she survives the next five contenders, although her pregnancy would seem to complicate the odds. The parody isn't in the details, but hinges on the complicity of everyone involved, including the viewers. It's basically a 21st-century gladiator match where spectators watch from their living-room couches and the gladiators are prisoners not of war, but of the spectacle itself. — V. Chan. (R: violence and language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. A-

**"SHADOW OF THE VAMPIRE":** A strange, occasionally ravishing movie about the making of the first cinematic vampire film, F.W. Murnau's silent flick "Nosferatu." Don't go expecting, however, a literal "making-of" film. Director E. Elias Merhige has a little fun with the story, making the "Nosferatu" star (played well by Willem Dafoe) a real vampire. "Shadow of the Vampire" tries, with mixed success, to be scary, funny and profound. It is, for one thing, an extended essay, alternately grating and provocative, on the metaphysics of moviemaking. — A.O. Scott. (R: brief nudity, some drug use and the consumption of large quantities of blood.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. B

**"SNATCH":** Guy Ritchie's latest is a glib, briskly written and edited caper flick that features Brad Pitt's most entertaining performance since "12 Monkeys." Funny, then, how eminently forgettable it is. The talented Ritchie is like a kid who can't stop playing a video game he really likes, even though he's already top-scorer. — M. Pols. (R: strong violence, language, some nudity.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. B

**"THE TALE OF OTHERS":** An easy-going charm conceals the bite of this Oscar nominee for best foreign film. A married but bored businessman (Jean-Pierre B  r  ) fared for a stage actress, who supplements her income by teaching English. The businessman is so smitten he hires her, but his advances are swiftly rebuffed. In many ways, this witty picture harkens back to the era of French films such as "Cousin, Cousine." — D. Ryan. (NR: sex, profanity, adult themes.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. B

**"THIRTEEN DAYS":** Looks can be deceiving. What could have been a stale history lesson on the Cuban missile crisis is transformed into a thoroughly satisfying and absorbing movie. Even though we all know the outcome, "Thirteen Days" is an attention-grabber that hums along almost like a good thriller. Kevin Costner is the weak link as the presidential aide involved in the crisis. Much better are Bruce Greenwood as JFK and Steven Culp as RFK. A tense film that's directed with clean snappiness by Roger Donaldson ("No Way Out"). — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, images of nuclear destruction.) 2 hours, 18 minutes. A-

**"TOO MUCH SLEEP":** An offbeat, non-mainstream film set in suburban New Jersey shows us everyday life with ordinary-looking folks. The story follows a 24-year-old night watchman (Marc Palmer) who loses his gun while being distracted by a beautiful woman. The movie spends most of its time detailing Palmer's search for his gun and the elusive woman he met. Along the way, he meets a set of quirky, eccentric characters. Unconventional and quite good. — M. Ritter. (NR: for adults only.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. B+

**"TRAFFIC":** Steven Soderbergh's epic story of the drug war in America is, hands down, the best movie of the year. It hits every turn, from Benicio Del Toro's striking turn as an honest Mexican policeman in a role of corruption to Michael Douglas' sea as America's newest drug czar, a man too intent on the bigger battle to realize his teen-age daughter is dipping into hard drugs. We even met up with a drug kingpin and his pregnant wife (Catherine Zeta-Jones). This is a big movie, challenging and deeply rewarding. The ensemble cast is absolutely mind-blowing, and so is the dexterity with which Soderbergh both wields his camera and weaves a fascinating story. — M. Pols. (R: pervasive drug use, strong language, violence and some sexuality.) 2 hours, 27 minutes. A

**"THE WIDOW OF SAINT-PIERRE":** Director Pierre Leconte ("Ridicule," "Girl on the Bridge") has finally anchored his cinematic gifts to a story worth caring about. "Widow" has the bold, earnest emotion of a classic 1940s Hollywood drama. Set in the mid-19th century, the film stars Juliette Binoche as an enigmatic captain's wife who falls for an imprisoned man set to be executed. Leconte sees the past as a region not of quaint mores and pretty costumes, but as a volatile frontier, a realm of artistic and moral risk. — A.O. Scott. (R: some violence and a brief sex scene.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. A-

**"YOU CAN COUNT ON ME":** Kenneth Lonergan makes a strong debut as writer/director in this offbeat movie about the bond between brothers and sisters. Sammy (Laura Linney) and Terry (Mark Ruffalo) were orphaned as young kids, and their lives have taken very different paths. Sammy works at the local bank and has never left home (she lives in their parents' house with her 8-year-old son), while Terry is an aimless drift. The movie looks at what happens when Terry comes home for a visit and the two are reunited. Co-winner of this year's Grand Jury Prize at Sundance, this is a small movie that parks itself in your brain and refuses to depart. Linney and Ruffalo are both outstanding, and Matthew Broderick shines (as usual) in a small part. — M. Pols. (R: language, some sexuality and drug use.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. A-

## Mann

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home-equity lender being taken to jail in handcuffs? But we also continue to see his ads running everywhere ... One ABC-TV newsmen, in reporting the passage of the tougher new bankruptcy law, noted with more than a touch of irony that the largest credit-card issuer, MBNA, "didn't buy the bill on credit — it paid cash up front to Congress. And they were George W. Bush's biggest contributor, at \$3.5 million."

Teri Hatcher and former Raider Howie Long — America's most annoying "couple?" Unquestionably ... Would someone please tell me: What's the deal with all the stained-glass specials on KQED? ... Speaking of Channel 9, it's making a smart move next week, dropping the cartoon show at 6 p.m. weeknights and moving up "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" an hour. Starting Monday, Lehrer starts at 6, and "Nightly Business Report" moves from 6:30 to 7 — another good move. Speaking of Channel 9 programming changes, it's giving a better spot to its locally produced tech show "Digital West": Instead

of Fridays at 9, it now will air at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. The down side is that the show's also been given a cumbersome new name — "Springboard — Exploring the Digital Age." The show, as you may know, is hosted by the bright and personable Rebecca Roberts. But what you probably don't know is that Rebecca is the daughter of ABC-TV political analyst Cokie Roberts and respected political reporter Steven Roberts, a regular on PBS's "Washington Week in Review." Quite a pedigree. "We don't publicize that because Rebecca wants to make it on her own name," says a Channel 9 publicist, then adding with a smile, "but we ARE allowed to confirm it."

Will Staples ever make a TV commercial that's NOT funny? Well, it hasn't yet ... Speaking of commercials, we were thrice exposed to annoying pop-to-pop star Britney Spears prancing around a Pepsi bottling plant during ABC's lowest-rated-ever Oscar broadcast. To which we say: Hey, Britney — nice cans ... I am neither a Giants' fan nor a baseball fan, but at last week's Broadcast Legends luncheon in Marin, Giants' play-by-play man Jon Miller had the crowd in stitches repeatedly with his TV and radio stories, most of them un-

printable here. Not only is Miller a gifted mimic — his Japanese Vin Scully is especially noteworthy — but his comedic timing is flawless. He even managed to crack up usually poker-faced ex-A's and Giants voice Lon Simmons, who introduced him. Miller does one hilarious routine about being hired by A's owner Charlie Finley when he was only 23 — he was the youngest-ever voice in the big leagues. "When I was fired the next year by Charlie," Miller says, "I became the youngest major-league play-by-play man ever fired." I caught Miller once on the Letterman show, and he was funny. But in person, he's much funnier. I wish Miller had told some Barry Bonds stories at the luncheon, however ...

Finally, I like ABC anchor Peter Jennings' description of one volatile day on Wall Street last week. Jenning opined that the market "has caught Mad Dow Disease." And an Oakland reader forwards this financial note: "Due to current economic conditions, the light at the end of the tunnel will be turned off until further notice."

(Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill at [Newsman@sonic.net](mailto:Newsman@sonic.net).)

## Habitot

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ance, and hit her head on the asphalt. Later that day, at home, Kellie and her husband noticed that only one side of their daughter's face moved when she smiled. After nearly two years of hospitalizations, physical therapy and braces for her legs, Kellie's daughter is making a miraculous recovery and is a happy and healthy preschooler. Kellie's motivation in creating Habitot's Early Childhood Safety exhibit and workshops

was to prevent others from going through what she and her family have for the past two years.

"When we got to the hospital, everyone asked whether my daughter had been wearing a helmet," said Kellie. "I kept thinking, 'She's only 16 months old.' Her accident was completely preventable, and I want to help others understand the various elements of childhood safety so we can begin to bring down the number of unintentional accidents each year."

Museum staff will take Early Childhood Safety activities to three East Bay community locations

## Events

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Guest of honor: Clark Coolidge. There will be readings at 2 p.m. and refreshments. Free, 1341 Seventh St., Berkeley. (510) 524-1688.

**A.C.C.I. Gallery —** "Photography, Sculpture, Glass," April 6 through May 12. An exhibition of 5 Bay Area artists. Artist Reception, April 13, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 843-2527.

**Asia Pacific Cultural Center —** "Limited Edition: Recent Work by Emerging Asian Pacific American Artists," through May 24. Featuring the work of eight local artists. Free, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 388 Ninth St., Suite 290, Oakland. (510) 208-6088.

**Berkeley Art Center —** Nylan Jeung and David Lippenberger, closing April 28. An exhibit of paintings from the 2000 Members' Showcase. Free, Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. (510) 644-6893.

**Berkeley Creative Living Center —** "30th Anniversary," March 30 and April 1. Featuring an art exhibition and sale. Free, Friday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Large Assembly Room, First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way at Dana Street, Berkeley. (510) 448-2269.

**Creative Growth Art Center —** "Incredibles," through April 20. A group exhibit of visually delectable food imagery. Free, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 355 24th St., Oakland. (510) 836-2340 or [www.creative-growth.org](http://www.creative-growth.org)

**Emery Station —** "The Emeryville Project," closing March 30. An exhibit of works by Jean Collier Hurley. Free, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5858 Horton St., Emeryville.

**Graduate Theological Union —** "Scenes from the Song of Songs/Images from the Book of Blessings," through May 2. An exhibit of oil paintings by Marcia Falk. "Bernard Maiseur: Illuminated Manuscripts and Paintings," through Aug. 8. A mid-career retrospective exhibit. Free, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Rd., Berkeley. (510) 649-2541.

**Holy Names College Kennedy Art Center Gallery —** "Fresh Air: Landscapes and Still Lifes by June Felter," through April 12. Free, Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; CLOSED THROUGH APRIL 1, 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. (510) 438-1457.

**Kaiser Center Mezzanine Gallery**

"Exhibition 2001," through April 27. A gallery exhibit of painting, collage, prints, photography and mixed media by 14 award-winning East Bay women artists. Free, Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. (510) 569-4810.

**Kala Art Institute —** "Contemporary Photogravure," closing March 30. An exhibit of works by various artists. Free, Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Workshop Media Center Gallery, 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. (510) 549-2977.

**Laney College Art Gallery —** "The James Baldwin Series," April 26. Photographs that reexamine the nation's image of the celebrated African-American author. Free, Monday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 900 Fallon, Tower Bldg., Oakland. (510) 464-3586.

**Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery —** "Riots and Assassinations," April 3 through April 28. An exhibit of paintings by Bay area artist Jerry King. Artist Reception, April 7, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Recent Works by Jon Rubin, closing March 31. An installation and exhibition of drawings by Oakland-based artist Jon Rubin. Free, Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 942 Clay St., Oakland. (510) 625-1350.

**Mills College Art Museum —** "Senior Exhibition 2001," through April 18. An exhibition of mixed media works by the college's art students.

**Health Faire Sat., March 31st 11am-4pm**

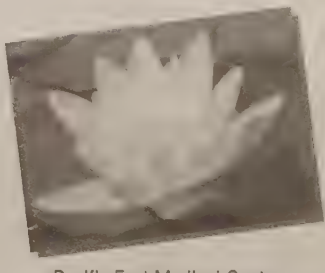
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## Kids

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them. It's a strong social message for kids, deftly delivered.

Rodriguez also explores sibling rivalry, which runs deep in the Cortez home. Juni, pudgy and plagued with fears, takes frequent ribbings at school. His confident, tough-talking older brother isn't much nicer. Juni takes comfort in his favorite show, a cross between "H.R. Pufnstuf" and "Barney" starring Fegan Floop (the brilliant Alan Cumming, swishing around in a dandy's coat).

But Floop has a dark secret. In between creating new episodes of the show, he is also building an army of child-sized robots to sell to the nervous Lasp (Robert Patrick). This involves kidnapping secret agents and turning them into cartoon characters, although why is unclear.

The Cortezes don't know it, but they're Floop's next targets. They go to save their former colleagues in a SUV equipped not just with weapons but with submarine capacity. Floop's modern-age Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. When Floop intercepts them, he goes to the kids to save the parents.

The scenes where the kids come into their own — and learn to appreciate each other — succeed because Vega, 12, and Sabara, 8, seem to be real kids, cute in a seen-at-playground kind of way. Proof that they came across as ordinary: A companion for the evening, Luke, was convinced that he knew Vega. "I went to a Halloween party at their house once," he mused.

Symbolically, "Spy Kids" may be the last initiative of James Bond movies, but there are touches that are familiar chords from great children's literature. There's a bit of Harry Potter's magic, and I felt the

ghost of C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" when Carmen and Juni took an escape route through a coat closet.

Rodriguez also manages to cross the humor generation gap, lacing the movie with references for adults (check out George Clooney's cameo). The kids cackled wildly over Juni's encounter with a talking toilet, but so did the adults, because it was funny. "Spy Kids" is not a toilet-humor movie, though: It's more sophisticated than that. How many kids' movies contain vocabulary words like doppelganger?

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of "Spy Kids" is the role Latino culture plays throughout. These are modern-day kids with an Anglo mom and a Latino dad, and when Carmen

speaks Spanish, she does it with a lovely accent. When they go looking for their wayward uncle Machete (Danny Trejo), they land in the fictional town of San Diablo, plunk in the middle of a very un-American department store that might as well be in Tijuana. There's no sense of displacement from these kids, just easy acceptance. "Spy Kids" embraces America's multicultural future with refreshingly natural grace.

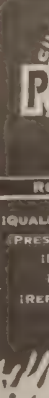
The movie is rated PG because of its action sequences (Rodriguez couldn't entirely give up his past), but they seem harmless. If I were a child, I might have been scared by Floop's army of thumb-people. But when I quizzed Luke, he gave me the you're-a-dork look and said he thought they were funny. He, by the way, gave "Spy Kids" a solid A.

## Movie picks

Movie reviews from around the nation

	Contra Costa Times	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	San Jose Merc.
"The Brothers" (R)	▼	■	▼			■	
"Caveman's Valentine" (R)		●	■	▼	■		
"Crouching Tiger..." (PG-13)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
"Enemy at the Gates" (R)	■	▼	■	▼	■	▼	▼
"Exit Wounds" (R)		●				●	
"15 Minutes" (R)	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	●
"Hannibal" (R)	■	★	■	■	▼	▼	▼
"Heartbreakers" (PG-13)	■	▼	■	▼	▼	▼	▼
"The Mexican" (R)	■	▼	■	▼	▼	▼	▼
"Say It Isn't So" (R)	▼	■			●		
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Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

## Children

The City of El Cerrito, offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mosser Lane. For more information, call Julie, 215-4371.

**LBPTA Parent and Prospective Parent Groups** meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with content childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information, call or RSVP: parent@lbpata.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The **Ann Martin Children's Center** offers "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

**Lawrence Hall of Science**, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education programs, including two camps held at the University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backcountry summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: linfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

**"Theater Rats,"** Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

## Health

**Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT)** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

**YWCA Health and Community Education:** drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

## Community

**Dog and puppy temporary foster homes** urgently needed. Shelters overcrowded, situation desperate. Call Hopalong Animal Rescue today, 530-5154.

**Turning Point**, at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Respite Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

**Marion Rosen**, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

**Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

**Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive** offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

**Tosiemasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Civil Rights activists** needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA., 94701.

**"Work Buddies,"** volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

**Psychic Healing** clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for

Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355 **SMART project;** the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

**The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

**English-in-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley, Call 843-9716.

**Women's Daytime Drop-in Center** in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5683.

## Exhibits

**The Cecile Mouchnek Gallery**, 1809 D Fourth St., presents an exhibition entitled "Spring Returning," through April 8. The exhibit features new works by painters Anne Hunter Hamilton and Michael Shernchuk. Gallery hours: Noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, call 549-1018.

**The Albany Arts Committee** continues its exhibit "Three-Ply" through May 24 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. Call 524-9283 for more information.

**UC Berkeley Art Museum** continues its installation by Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto through April 15. Neto creates sensual sculptural works that provoke viewers to interact. For this exhibition,

his first solo museum exhibition on the West Coast, Neto creates a site-specific installation in the Phyllis Wattis Matrix Gallery that deals in themes of sensuality and touch. Call 642-0808 for more information.

**The Albany Arts Committee** announces the opening of a new exhibit, "Three-Ply," tapestries by local artist Care Standley. This selection of tapestries embraces the complexity and subtleties involved in creating textiles woven on a loom. The exhibit is on display through May 24 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Call 524-9283 for more information.

**The City of El Cerrito** presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Judie at 215-4371.

**Alta Bates Medical Center** presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

**New Pieces Gallery** is located on Solano Avenue. New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

## Literary Events

**The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121

Alston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

## Meetings

**The California Retired Teachers Association**, West Contra Costa Division No. 58, holds its lunch meeting at noon April 3 at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 3200 Barrett Ave., Richmond. The program features the LMP Trio, playing oldies but goodies. Lunch reservations are required; call 234-3056 by March 30 for reservations or for more information.

**Turning Point Career Center**, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Elaine Glimme, Contra Costa County hazardous materials specialist, speaking from 12 to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3. Topic: Reducing pollution by managing hazardous materials. Cost: \$3. Turning Point Career Center is a program of the YWCA. For more information, call 848-6370.

**Sylvia Boorstein** presents a workshop, "Spring Cleaning of the Heart," at the 7th Heaven Body Awareness Center, 2820 7th St. The workshop is a benefit for the Aquarian Ministry, a progressive Jewish Renewal community, and part of a weekend of activities dedicated to preparing one's heart for Passover. Boorstein has been teaching both Vipassana and Metta meditation since 1985. She is a founding teacher of the Spirit Rock Meditation Center (Woodacre, CA) and a psychotherapist and author of several books. Cost: \$72 in advance, \$90 at the door if space is available. For more information or to sign up, call Rebecca Rodriguez, 655-8530.

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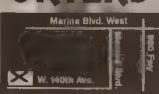
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**Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The West Contra Costa Adult school and community volunteers present the Center's program of life-long learning. Attend any class or event. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Volunteers of all ages are needed. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for more information.

**Berkeley Camera Club** meets at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share slides and prints, and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don at 525-3565.

**Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25** meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRisi, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-9364.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

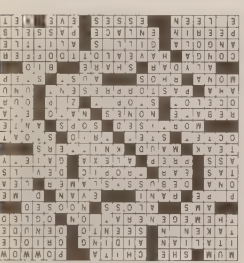
**The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club** meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

**Berkeley Toastmasters Club** meet monthly, on the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

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**Speak Smart!** Join Beijing Express Toastmasters, The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restau-



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rant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

**Toastmasters Meeting** Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS)** meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

**Joy of Yiddish:** Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

**The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

**Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

**Public speaking skills and metaphysics** come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

**"Voices of Healing"** is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

**State Health Toastmasters Club** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

**Higher Alignment:** 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20.

**Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis** Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

**TOPS:** 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

**Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center** and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium on Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight way. Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

## Music

**Prometheus Symphony Orchestra** presents a spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at Saint Ambrose Church, 1145 Gilman. The concert features violinist Clare Twohy, a winner of the annual Felix Khner Concerto Competition, performing Beethoven's Romance in F and Bruckner's Sixth Symphony. Admission is free; donations are accepted. For more information, call 925-447-3659.

**UC Berkeley Cal Performances** presents flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucia and the Peco de Lucia Septet at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, at 101 Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. De Lucia draws from the musical traditions of Spanish, Gypsy, Sephardic and Muslim cultures. He fuses traditional Gypsy-inspired folk music of his Andalusian homeland with jazz-inspired improvisation and Caribbean beat. Admission \$20, \$30 and \$40. Tickets are available through the Cal Performances ticket office at Zellerbach Hall. For more information or to charge by phone, call 642-9988.

**Berkeley Symphony Orchestra** presents "Under Construction No. 11," a concert of new works by local composers, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2322 Shattuck Ave. The concert concludes with a reading of the first and third movements from Different Worlds of Sound, Concerto for percussion, and Orchestra by David Sheinfeld; the soloist is the Berkeley Symphony principal percussionist, Ward Spangler. The concert and the reception are free. Call 841-2600 for more information.

**The Masquers Playhouse**, 105 Park Place, presents the jazz musical "Archy and Mehitabel" from March 30 through May 12. Curtain: 8 p.m. Matinees 2:30 p.m. Archy, the cockroach who wants to be a poet, writes in the newspaper office at night, one letter at a time, by diving headfirst onto the keys of a typewriter. He writes of many things, but most of all, he tells the story of his friend Mehitabel, the Queen of the Alley

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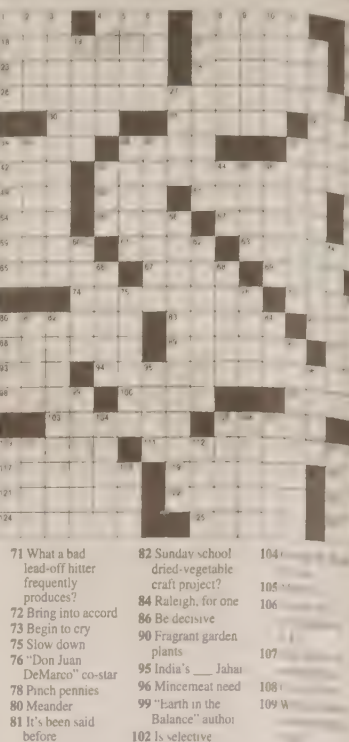
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Cats. Sunday Matinees: April 8, 22, 29, May 6. Tickets: \$14. Call 232-4031 24-hour hotline for reservations.

**The Music on Squirrel Hill** concert series brings Trio Accorde to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley in Kensington at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 1 Musicians include violinist Heather Katz, cellist Amy Anderson, and pianist Joanne De Phillips. A reception for audience and performers follows the concert. Suggested donations: \$15 general, \$10 students and seniors. The church is located at One Lawson Road, Kensington. For more information, call 525-0302.

**The Lenten Organ Recital Series** continues at 7 p.m. each Friday through April 13 at the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana Admission and parking are free. Reception follows each recital, except on Good Friday. For more information, call 848-6242 or www.lpcberkeley.org

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley,

2407 Dana St., presents its eighth annual Lenten Organ Recital Series at 7 p.m. through April 13. Free admission March 30, John R.S. Walko, organist and Anna Carol Dudley, soprano; April 6, Angela Kraft Cross, organist; and April 13, John R. S. Walko, Organist. Free-will donations will benefit the organ fund and this series. Reception fol-

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**Wine & Dine** 8:15 p.m. - Call Michelle 601-482-1677.

**Acoustic Duo**, featuring Donald Bais, piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiha, acoustic bass, Michael Lank, drums and Larry Giustino on fretless guitar. Perform every Saturday 8:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Anna's, 101 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

**Acoustic Duo** 1917 San Pablo Ave., presents **Grateful Dead** DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets \$5. Call 584-1400 for additional information.

**Acoustic Duo** 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. - 11 partners necessary for line dancing. Dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Iran, East and other countries. Starts Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary. All ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 101 Kains Ave. \$4; call 525-1542.

## Dancers

**Acoustic Duo** and lead care for orphaned birds: house sparrows, starlings, bluebirds are introduced species and not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these birds to the wild life they deserve to live. Free training and some supplies. Call Wynna 531-3042 or Lelia 6555-5811.

**Acoustic Duo** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a technique that helps participants understand and focus to find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointment and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Call a message for Anne Levine.

**Acoustic Duo** Regional Park Botanical Garden, 101 Kains Ave., presents regular tours, every day a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 10 a.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

## Report

**Acoustic Duo** seeks volunteers to facilitate a bereavement support group for those who are "buddy" for a sick loved one. The group meets on Tuesdays at 2540 Chestnut St., Oakland. Next training begins in August. Call 531-7551.

**Acoustic Duo** of Incest, a local support group in the east bay is being formed. The group will gather for healing discussions and also various activities, including hiking, dancing, classic film traveling, or any fun activity. Interested participants, call Attica Pease 655-1638. Fee free to leave a message.

**Acoustic Duo** and grief associated with the loss of a loved one can often feel overwhelming - especially during the holidays. Many people suffer isolation. Grief counseling support is here to help you not be turned away for lack of grief.

**Acoustic Duo** Care Community offers bereavement support groups as well as therapy grief groups, and individual support. Call 540-0830 for additional information.

**Acoustic Duo** help group for Berkeley Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-1111 for additional information.

**Acoustic Duo** Medical Center, offers a Grief Support Class every third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Medical Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal bereavement issues. Fee, \$10. No one required to be able to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

**Acoustic Duo** Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for bereaved families and friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is held on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month. This is a free service. Call 254-1111 for additional information.

**Acoustic Duo** Foundation of Northern California, 101 Kains Ave., offers a bereavement support group. Call Lucille Packard Child Hospital at Stanford. The group meets on Thursdays and is open to teens and young adults. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit www.fncf.org.

**Acoustic Duo** Berkeley Portable Meals Program, 101 Kains Ave., offers a bereavement support group. Call 525-1542 for additional information.

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gram desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to home-bound seniors. Call 644-8590.

**The North Berkeley Senior Center** is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

**The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education** group presents Dorothea Dorez, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

## Lecture/Workshop

**Nyngma Institute**, 1815 Highland Place, presents meditation instructor Eva Casey discussing the "Buddhist Sacred Sites and Symbols" and the teachings that they convey. The free event takes place at 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 1. For more information, call 843-6812.

**Malcolm Margolin**, Berkeley author and publisher of the Bay Nature, will give a free slide lecture celebrating the spirit and seasons of the Bay Area natural world at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at Recreational Equipment, Inc. 1338 San Pablo Ave. Learn what life was like for Native Americans in the Bay Area 200 years ago. For more information, contact REI at 527-4140.

**Tai Chi Chuan** and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. To sign up call 268-4995.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

**Learn Computer Applications** for the "working" world using Windows '95 and '98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher. Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111, San Pablo. For information call 237-0840 or visit the web site at www.cc-coe.k12.ca.us/rop.

**"What Is Meditation,"** is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragya Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

**Emotions Anonymous:** Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

## Religion

**The Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center**, 1414 Walnut St., presents "From Matzah to Maror: Designing Your Own Seder," from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1. Fee: \$5. Call 848-0237 for more information.

## Theater, Dance &amp; Film

**La Pena Cultural Center**, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents "Musica Sin Fronteras," Women's Salsa Night, with disc jockeys Chata Gutierrez and Rosa Oviedo at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 1. Call 849-2568, ext. 2, for more information.

**Our School** presents "Once Upon a Time" the Fairy Tales of Hans Christian Andersen, told by Fritz Brun at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, at St. John's Community Center, 2727 College Ave. Tickets: \$5. For more information, call 704-0701.

**The UC Alumni Chorus** presents the opera "Bravo, Opera!" at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 8, at UC Berkeley, Hertz Hall. The program includes Bizet's "Carmen," Verdi's "Il trovatore," and Copland's "The Tenderland." Tickets: \$12 general admission; \$8 for students and seniors. To order tickets or for more information, call the UC Choral Ensembles, 643-9645.

**Prospect Sierra** "Funny Shorts," Film Festival, a two-day fund-raising event for Prospect Sierra School, features more than 30 rare classic short comedy films. Festival events include: "Community Night" from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 30. This is a screening of the 90 minute "Funny Shorts," \$15; "For Kids Only," 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 31, a special matinee of cartoon classics and animation from the East Bay, free; "Festival Gala," 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 31, cocktails, dinner reception, screening of the "Funny Shorts" program, and a live auction, \$46. Raffle, tickets are available during the festival. Winners will be announced during the gala. Call 525-3366 for more information. Tickets may be purchased by credit card by calling Call Performances, 642-9988.

**Belasco Theatre** Company presents "Little Shop of Horrors" through April 1 at the Berkeley Community Little Theater. Show times are Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. The full-length Broadway production utilizes the talents of children and youth ages 6 through 18. Tickets: \$12, may be purchased through the Regional Center Box Office or by calling 925 943-SHOW.

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**The Pacific Film Archive** offers a course in film history "Film 50: History of Cinema," 3 to 6 p.m. through May 2. Call 642-5249 for more information.

**Learn easy international folk dances**, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. For more information, call 525-1130.

**Family Folkdancing** takes place on the third Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Adults \$3, children \$2. Call 632-3713 for additional information.

**Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shattuck Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2568 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marango at 528-7858.

## Classes

**Folkdance classes**, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple and clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. For more information, call Mel Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

**Vista Community College**, 2020 Milvia St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

**Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.

**The Albany YMCA** offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnastics and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. For more information, call 525-1130.

**Julia Morgan Center for the Arts**, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For more information, including complete class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, see www.juliamorgan.org or call 845-8542 for a brochure.

**The Berkeley Adult School (BAS)** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Call 644-6130 for additional information.

**The South Berkeley Senior Center**, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 883-5222.

**Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

**Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to help individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.

**The Ecology Center**, 2530 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for nonmembers; \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

**The van der Zanden Sculpture**, 1025 Carleton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

**A CopWatch** class takes place every Monday night from 8 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.

**Berkeley Community Media (BCM)**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. For more information call 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dance classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjalli Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

**Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics** classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

**Contemporary Women's Issues** class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

**Dance and Fitness** classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

**Let's Swing and Jitterbug**, 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

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# Dining & Entertainment

## Pasta Pelican

### Restaurant Celebrates 3rd Anniversary

The *Pasta Pelican* restaurant, located at beautiful Warner's Square in Alameda, proudly celebrates its third anniversary April 1st.

Discover this Romantic, waterfront hide-a-way, a favorite with Alameda locals, that offers consistent high quality, affordable cuisine from a talented kitchen that aims to please the customer. The menu is well rounded and extensive.

Don't start a meal without trying an inspired appetizer. The calamari and bruschetta are highly recommended. As the name implies, the focus here is

pasta, prepared creatively and deliciously, with excellent seafood, chicken, veal, and vegetarian entrees. Favorites include the Pollo Carciofo and the Pesto with Salmon, but don't miss the Pollo Pelicano, one of the house specialties.

With great food, an extremely attentive staff, relaxed atmosphere, and beautiful view of Jack London Square, this location is well worth seeking out. A visit to *Pasta Pelican* will leave your senses satisfied. Come see why *Pasta Pelican* has been a popular choice in Alameda for three years.

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### Tsing Tao

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## Gala Celebration Fundraiser at the Shattuck Plaza Hotel to benefit Berkeley Historical Society

### PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES

Wouldn't you like to reminisce and learn more about the old days in Berkeley? The Berkeley Historical Society (BHS) will hold their second annual Gala Celebration and fundraiser for the Shattuck

Plaza Hotel on Sunday, April 1, 2001, from 3 to 7 p.m.

BHS's major fundraiser of the year was extremely popular in its first year, and promises to be merrier in its second year. The

BHS is a primary resource for the preservation and communication of Berkeley history. The BHS is a non-profit corporation run by interested volunteers and has an all-volunteer board of directors.

Hotel Shattuck Plaza manager Michael Moore will present his research on the hotel's history and what they discovered during its recent renovation.

The Shattuck Hotel, under new ownership, is undergoing a face-lift to restore its turn-of-the-century glamour and make it a new social center. Located in convenient downtown Berkeley at 2086 Allston Way, in the new arts and theater district, it is convenient by BART and bus and is the perfect location. Tours of the hotel will be available during the Gala Celebration.

This year, Joel Abrahamson Dance Band will perform a medley of music to get everyone dancing from 5 to 7 p.m. The renowned local band

ensemble plays swing, Latin, rock 'n roll, blues & soul. There will be a tune for every ear and era.

Surprises will be added to make this late afternoon gala a treat for all who attend. Patrons are encouraged to come in vintage costume and relive the glamour of yesteryear. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and free photos will be given to all who dress-up. Last year, some pretty amazing get-ups and dos adorned the festivities.

The event will also feature tantalizing finger food, great raffle prizes, an exciting silent auction and a no-host bar. Berkeleyans, this "the" must-do social event of the spring season. Come mingle with local historians, colorful

Berkeley characters, and make new friends.

Tickets are available now through the BHS and on the day of the event at the door. The BHS History Center and Museum is located in the Veterans Memorial Building 1931 Center Street. BHS is open from Thursday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Free admission to the Museum. Call (510) 848-0181 for more information.

Recommended donations for tickets: Members, \$30 a person or \$50 a couple and Non-Members \$35 a person or \$65 a couple. You may sign up to be a member (\$15 for individuals, \$20 for couples), when you purchase your tickets and save some money. If you have items to contribute to the raffle and silent auction or would like assist with the Gala, please leave a message for Lynne Cutler at catalana@mindspring.com

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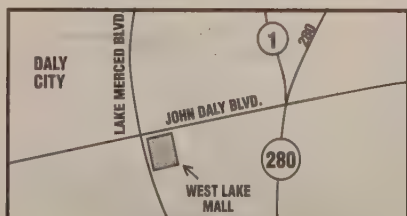
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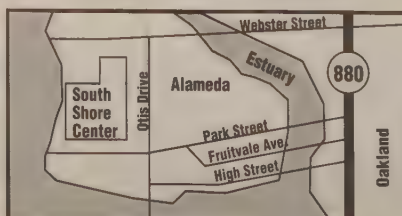
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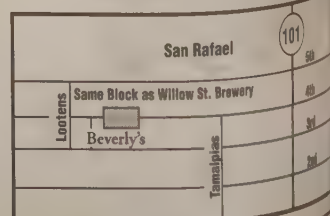
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Section D

## Spare Parts VW's concept 'Microbus' harkens back to groovier times [D2]

By Denise McCluggage



AVAILABLE IN V-6 OR V-8 and a six-speed manual transmission, Chevrolet's Camaro Z28 is in competition with the Corvette

## 2001 Camaro Z28 SS closing in on Corvette

### Similarities abound between two sporty Chevrolets

My favorite test-drive road has very little traffic, lots of twisting curves, plus long straightaways. This road is ideal for driving the powerful Chevrolet Camaro Z28 coupe.

Over the years, I've been down this road many times in Camaros, and each time the reunion compared to visiting with an old friend that has a gruff, nasty personality.

The 2001 Camaro offers the choice of a V-6 or V-8 engine, but my tester included the SS package, which is only available

with the powerful 5.7-liter V-8 engine. This package has many other advantages, too. For example, there is a forced-air scoop on the hood that not only gives the coupe a meaner appearance, but also is partially responsible for boosting the horsepower from 300 to a whopping 325. Another SS feature: a six-speed manual transmission.

The package includes mammoth 17-inch tires mounted on attractive aluminum wheels. Best of all is the low restriction dual exhaust system, which produces the sound

### Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

of a throaty growl that reverberates throughout the car, adding to the excitement while behind the wheel.

There are similarities between the SS and the Corvette. When the Camaro was introduced 34 years ago, the Corvette held the coveted position of King of the Road, but now little brother is catching up in areas such as the six-speed transmission and the powerful V-8 engine. The Camaro SS even sports numerous interior luxurious features that were once Corvette's domain.

Little brother has an eight-speaker sound system and amplifier with 500 watts of peak power. The Monsoon stereo, with a CD player, has large buttons for easy tuning while driving.

In addition, buttons on the steering wheel allowed me to make quick change of volume or station without having to take my hands off the wheel.

Controls for the heating and air conditioning system are very basic and simple to operate. They can be regulated without even looking at them.

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## SPARE PARTS

New design for an old idea  
Volkswagen now has a concept car, "Microbus," which is being shown at auto shows. The bus of the future was designed in California especially for the U.S. market. With its original design and numerous innovative ideas, the Microbus harks back to a great tradition, starting in 1950 with the first VW bus. The designers did not want to copy the old bus and have made every effort to make this bus, powered by a 3.2-liter engine, distinctly new, modern, and innovative inside and out.

Please no pictures  
Mazda gave members of the media a sneak preview of where the company is going and a quick glimpse at their new cars models to be offered in North America by the end of 2003. The vehicles include a small car, a mid-size sedan, mid-size wagon, five-door hatchback, a com-

pact sedan a sporty vehicle called the RX-8. Company officials view these cars, and their "zoom-zoom" advertising campaign as a means to attract younger buyers.

Way back when  
When the Chevrolet Camaro was introduced in 1967, the hardtop coupe had a base price of \$2,572. There were 162,109 hardtop and convertible models sold that year with V-8 engines and 58,808 equipped with six-cylinder engines.

Give me Liberty  
DaimlerChrysler will begin producing an all-new 2002 Jeep named Liberty that will be available this summer. Using innovative technologies, continuous refinement and a reputation earned through six decades, the Jeep brand has become the most widely known and respected go-anywhere, do-anything name in the entire SUV market.

Buying a used car?  
Don't buy a wreck. Make sure the body panels and doors fit squarely and close easily. Look for paint under the hood and along the edges of the body that might reveal a recent paint job. Use a refrigerator magnet for signs of putty covering up rust. Move the steering wheel while the car is in park and the engine running. If it groans, you might have problems. While standing at either end, look for ripples in the fenders and doors.

Business travel  
The American Automobile Association point out that many companies give a flat allowance per mile, plus allowances for such charges as tolls and parking. The system involves a minimum of bookkeeping and office control, but it can result in overpayment or underpayment when compared to actual driving costs.



GROOVY NEW DESIGN for VW's concept Microbus

## Keane

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The two most fascinating analog instruments are the tachometer and speedometer. In sixth gear, this car cruises at 50 miles per hour while the engine is mildly loping at about 1200 rpm. Yet gear down and floor it, and it is unbelievable how quickly the Camaro responds.

The Chevrolet engineers changed the camshaft and intake manifold so there is a quicker response to peak mid-range torque. On my favorite road, a simple nudge on the gas pedal and the reaction was immediate. That's where the real fun of a Camaro begins.

This four-seater has two comfortable bucket seats in the rear and offers decent legroom. Or, with the backrest lowered, there is plenty of storage area with access through the

rear deck lid.

Base price of the Camaro Z28 is \$21,645. The SS package is an additional \$4,000, but it doesn't end there. My tester had leather bucket seats, a short throw shifter, plus a 12-disc CD changer. Other options included cruise control, fog lamps, power windows, power door lock system, remote keyless entry, theft deterrent alarm system, and six-way power driver's seat. Toss in the standard destination charges and the total is \$30,025.

However, there is a downside. Simply put: getting in and out of the car. When driving any sports car, it is important that the seat and the steering wheel be adjusted to the proper position. Getting past the steering wheel when getting in and out requires wiggles that my pelvic region normally doesn't use. But once I am in the driver's seat, the fun of driving my mean, gruff, nasty, old friend is simply unforgettable.

## Drive

FROM PAGE D1

and his own name and phone number on the windshield of the damaged car.

When my friend told me about the incident, he said a cop had phoned him twice about the matter, once for a more specific description of the offending driver and once to laud him for his actions. "Citizens getting involved in incidents like this is the only way we can deal with them properly," the officer said.

So, contrast that scenario with an incident with another note. This incident happened to me in a supermarket parking lot. I had returned to the vehicle I was test-driving, transferred my purchases and then noticed a note tucked under the wiper blade. It was from a woman, name and phone number given, apologizing that her shopping cart had rolled away from her and hit the right rear of my car. Please call and she would pay to have it repaired.

I had noticed nothing while loading the groceries. Upon looking closer I found only a smudged line, one that rubbed out with a well-applied thumb. The next detailing would eliminate every trace. I got a busy signal when I phoned the woman to thank her for her "good citizenship" and tell her no harm, no foul. Sadly, I lost the note before I could actually reach her with my appreciation.

Another contrast: a woman had finally managed to safely pass an erratically driven car on a moderately busy street. Then many

blocks further on, as she sat, signal flashing, in the left-turn lane that same car came up behind her and deliberately rammed her. The ramming driver, redolent with booze, said that's what she got for passing him and then drove off, leaving her with a drivable but damaged car.

When she called the police with the license number and her story, she was asked, "Have you got any witnesses in writing?" Otherwise, it was just her word against the other driver's, and the police could do — at least would do — nothing about it. Apparently, not even to get a drunk off the road.

But in reporting incidents, whether ones you witness or are involved in, do not be deterred by a poor experience with one law enforcement officer. Keep trying. If you witness a parked car getting brutalized by another, what should you do?

Police suggest you do what my friend did. Report what you saw and how you can be reached. They don't recommend approaching the offending driver (an easy decision if the car is full of toughs).

In some circumstances, by your obvious presence, offenders might be driven to report their own misdeeds, leaving a note like the one I got at the supermarket. But social pressure doesn't always work successfully.

Long ago, when I lived in Greenwich Village in New York, I found my Mini Cooper on Cornelia Street with a dented fender and this note under the wiper blade: "People watching me think I'm leaving my name and phone number. Ha!"

## Specifications

2001 CHEVROLET CAMARO Z28 SS COUPE

VEHICLE TYPE	2-door 4-passenger sports coupe
BASE PRICE	\$21,645 (as tested: \$30,025)
ENGINE TYPE	V-8, 16-valve OHV w/SFI
DISPLACEMENT	5.7-liter
HORSEPOWER (net)	250 at 5200 rpm
TORQUE (lb-ft)	350 at 4000 rpm
TRANSMISSION	6-speed manual
WHEELBASE	101 in. 2568 mm
TREAD (front/rear)	.61 / .61 in. 1542 / 1539 mm
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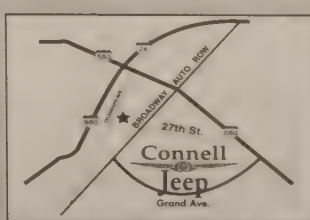
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## Rolling Homes

By Jeff Johnston

## Tow rig options — make the right matchup

There are an amazing and of variety of choices when shopping for a tow rig to pull an RV-style trailer. Making the decision about some choices can make the difference between a good deal and a waste of money on a rig that won't give satisfactory service.

In many cases, such as when you are for a vehicle like a mid-sized truck, your choices may be limited. That can ease the buying job. You may have a couple of engines and transmissions to choose from, so selecting the best model to tow your smaller trailer would be easy.

Shop for a pickup, however, and your options are incredible. The truck sizes and engine and powertrain options are wide ranging. Judging by reader input, there's a lot of confusion about two common light truck options: 2WD or 4WD, and single rear wheels or dual rear wheels.

At first the question of 2WD or 4WD seems easy — if you don't drive in a lot of places where 4WD is necessary, you choose 2WD. In some instances, though, 4WD can help you avoid getting stuck in a seemingly harmless location such as a campground with muddy roads or on an unimproved road leading to an undeveloped camping area in a state or national forest. If you're caught in bad weather while driving on paved highways, having 4WD will increase the chances you can safely continue your drive under full control of the tow rig and trailer. The choice between 2WD and 4WD is best made based on past experience.

As a rule, the most important

technical consideration about 4WD concerns tow rating. The extra weight of the 4WD hardware tends to detract slightly from the tow rig's trailer tow rating, usually by roughly 200 or 300 pounds. The details of this variation are spelled out in the manufacturer's towing guide.

Many buyers with large trailers automatically assume that a 3500-series, or "1 ton" truck with dual rear wheels, is the best choice for towing a large trailer. That's not necessarily so. A dual-wheel truck has several drawbacks as a vehicle that you'll be driving solo a good deal of the time, problems such as higher fuel consumption and a rougher ride due to the stronger suspension. There are also more tires to replace when they wear out, it's harder to park due to the extra width, and it costs more upfront to buy the truck.

In addition, many dualie trucks are rated to tow less than single-rear wheel trucks for the same reason a 4WD is rated lower — the extra weight of the dual-wheel hardware and suspension parts is deducted from the tow rating. Truck chassis-related stability is not an issue when choosing between the models, as the 2500-series single-rear-wheel trucks have more than enough rear-axle suspension stability for safe towing. Other factors are more important.

A dualie truck has the advantage of having a higher Gross Vehicle Weight Rating and a higher Gross Axle Weight Rating, which means that in spite of the lower tow rating, there's more capacity for a higher percentage of the weight on the truck. In the example of the 2001



A 4WD TRUCK with dual rear wheels has a stiff suspension and wide rear axle to help stabilize driving larger RV campers

Chevrolet HD trucks, the 2500 series model has a maximum 6,900 pounds rear-axle GAWR and 9,200 pounds overall GVWR, and the 3500-series trucks are rated at 8,600 pounds rear axle GAWR and 11,400 pounds overall GVWR.

On the plus side, a dualie pickup is the best choice if you plan to haul

a fully-equipped slide-in truck camper because the weight is on the truck, and the dualie's stiffer suspension and wider rear axle help keep the camper weight in check and provide stable driving manners. At the same time, a fifth-wheel trailer with an extra-heavy trailer hitch,

which could potentially overload the rear axle GAWR on a 2500-series truck, should also be hauled by a dualie truck.

Check the truck's rear-axle GAWR and compare it to the truck's actual rear axle weight, which you can learn by taking the truck to a public scale.

The difference is how much weight you can carry on the rear axle without overloading it. Weigh the entire truck and deduct that figure from its GVWR to learn the weight-carrying capacity for the total vehicle. Keep both figures, and your RV weight numbers, in mind when choosing the

## Ford czar's new models inspire passion

By Herb Shulinder

MOTOR MATTERS

Chris P. Theodore, Ford Motor Co. vice president and chief of its North American Car Vehicle Center, says the company is ahead of schedule in a five-year plan to bring out new car models that ooze passion.

"Ford doesn't just rely on the 'truck business,'" Theodore told the International Motor Press Association in New York recently. He insists the car business is solid and it's not going away. Theodore is in charge of all Ford car programs, except for the Focus subcompact. He created a car revitalization plan that was rejected by the Ford product strategy committee.

Theodore now admits that his total product revitalization blueprint was extremely aggressive and growth oriented, perhaps too grandiose. A new, prudent plan of controlled growth in the car business was substituted. He predicts that all the cars Ford is coming back with as a result of the plan will be more appropriate for the American customer.

Ford is specifically targeting customers who he labels the "millennial," the next generation after the baby boomers. "They are the next huge wave coming," Theodore says. "You want to get early and grow with them." Capturing the new generation and continuing to grow with aggressive baby boomers is a key part of the Ford product plan.

Theodore sees opportunities above and beyond Taurus that would meet the needs of baby boomers who are looking to live better life and enjoy a better car. "The new models won't be just plain vanilla transportation." The Thunderbird is a good example

of getting back to true Ford values. In particular, the T-Bird doesn't make the customer feel like he's getting ripped off. Failure to dispel that negativity prevented Ford from getting ahead of Honda, Toyota and Volkswagen in the mid-size segment.

Theodore says Ford's new plan calls for cars with quality above Toyota and Honda levels that outperform the VW Passat. "We're not going head to head, but we think we can get other responses."

The Ford car czar says there will be a mix of front- and rear-wheel drive cars. He also sees a rising demand for all-wheel drive models as evidenced in Europe. The X-type Jaguar is such a car, he says. He predicts automatic transmissions will have more speeds and a continued march of new engine technologies.

Theodore forecasts that the car industry will see increasing cost pressures at a time when it is virtually impossible to increase car prices. Ford wants to continue to be the company that offers the least incentives and at the same time improve the cost structure by getting leaner and faster without taking anything away from customers.

Part of Ford's long-term car plan is a realization that models may not achieve blockbuster sales levels of more than 500,000 units annually. Theodore sees the need to plan cars that fill more niches. A greater differentiation is needed to satisfy the tastes of different buyer segments.

Running through all these segments will be a determination to provide cars that inspire passion with exciting design and exhilarating performance.

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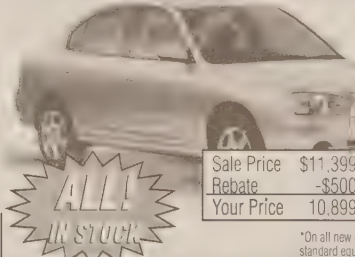
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
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## Meals without meat

By Susan Selasky  
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Let's spill the beans. Taking meat out of a daily diet doesn't mean you're stuck with bland flavors and textures.

Whether you're observing Lent or just want to include more vegetables in your diet, meatless meals can have zip and often are kid-friendly.

For these three recipes for dishes even diehard carnivores can enjoy, we went to people who prepare most or all of their meals without meat.

Meat can easily be substituted in a simple, elegant veggie sandwich. By using portabella mushrooms, eggplant and roasted peppers, the varying textures and flavors combine for a meaty bite without the animal protein.

Pasta is a quick answer, says Lizzie Burt, M-Fit culinary team member for University of Michigan's M-Fit Community Health Promotion, Ironman champion and co-author of "High Fit Low Fat" and "High Fit Low Fat Vegetarian" (University of Michigan, \$14.95).

If you're in a hurry, Burt recommends visiting your grocery store's salad bar for veggies that are already cut and tossing them with a jar of pasta sauce.

Burt's recipes for lasagna and veggie burgers use veggie combinations that create a plate of flavor.

Lisa Hesse, a marathon runner, has been a vegetarian for 20 years. She says getting enough protein — and satisfying the palates of her two young boys — is easier than people might think.

"You don't have to work hard at

coming up for a substitute for the meat," says Hesse of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Protein comes from a variety of sources, including nuts, cheese and fish.

"For instance we most always have a salad with our meals. And I often put little things such as sunflower seeds or nuts, and the kids think they're yummy."

Lew Kidder, also of Ann Arbor, agrees meatless meals are easy and tasty.

Kidder, who didn't eat meat or dairy for 15 years, says cutting down on meat is easy if you stick to foods you know.

"Prepare things such as pizzas using pesto spread on the crust, tacos or tortillas and soup, but without meat," he says.

### Lasagna with Leeks and Roasted Red Pepper

Nonstick cooking spray

1 tablespoon olive oil

4 cups chopped leeks

2 red bell peppers, washed, cored, diced or roasted red peppers, diced

1 pound mushrooms, cleaned and sliced

¼ cup chopped fresh basil

½ cup shredded fat-free or light mozzarella cheese

1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

2 cups light ricotta cheese

1 teaspoon green peppercorns, crushed

3 cups favorite pasta sauce such as one with spicy red peppers

8 ounces no-boil lasagna noodles

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**MEATLESS MEALS** can have zip and often are kid friendly. Above, Veggie Sandwich with Portabella Mushroom, Eggplant, Red Onion, Roasted Red Pepper and Cheese. Below, lasagna with Leeks and Roasted Red Pepper is packed with vegetables. Roasting intensifies their flavors

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# Meatless

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or enough for 3 layers

Topping:  
2/3 cup Parmesan cheese  
1/2 cup fat-free or light shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 12-by-8-by-2-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.

In a large nonstick skillet, warm the olive oil. Add the leeks and saute until they soften, about 5 minutes.

Add the red peppers and saute an additional 3-4 minutes. Add the mushrooms and saute until they wilt and give off their juices, about 3-4 minutes.

Stir in the fresh basil and set aside.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese, 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese, ricotta cheese and crushed green peppercorns. Mix well.

First, spread about 1/2 cup of the pasta sauce on the bottom of the prepared dish.

Place a layer of noodles on top of the sauce. Top with half the sauteed vegetables, 1 cup of the remaining pasta sauce and half of the cheese mixture.

Repeat with another layer using 1/2 cup of the remaining sauce. For the final layer, place a layer of noodles followed by the remaining pasta sauce.

Sprinkle the top with the topping ingredients.

Cover with foil and bake for 30-40 minutes or until the vegetables are bubbly and the top cheese layer

has melted. During the last 10 minutes of baking, remove the foil.

Remove from oven and allow to sit for 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

For a complete meal, serve with crusty Italian bread and a tossed green salad.

Makes 8 servings.  
From "High Fit-Low Fat" (University of Michigan, \$14.95).

391 calories (28 percent from fat), 12 grams fat (6 grams saturated fat), 42 grams carbohydrate, 26 grams protein, 834 milligrams sodium, 27 milligrams cholesterol, 560 milligrams calcium, 5 grams fiber.

## Veggie Sandwich

Marinade:

1/3 cup balsamic vinegar  
1/3 cup olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley

Vegetables:

6 portabella mushroom caps with stems, washed well  
1 teaspoon olive oil  
1-2 tablespoons plain bread crumbs  
1-2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese or fontina cheese  
6 slices (1/4 inch thick each) eggplant  
6 slices (1/4 inch thick) red or white onion left whole

3 small red peppers, washed, cored and cut in half lengthwise, or substitute a 12-ounce jar of roasted peppers

6 slices fontina cheese or favorite  
In a small bowl mix together the marinade ingredients and set aside. Reserve the stems of the 6 mushroom caps and chop fine.

In a small skillet, heat the olive

oil and saute the stems until they are softened.

Sprinkle in 1 to 2 tablespoons bread crumbs and the cheese. The mixture should be spreadable.

Preheat or prepare the grill or broiler.

Place the mushroom caps, eggplant, onion and red pepper slices on a baking sheet, and brush sides with the marinade mixture. Let stand about 5 minutes.

Grill or broil the vegetable slices (if using roasted red peppers from a jar, do not grill) until tender, turning once halfway during cooking.

Remove from the grill and stack the vegetables using the portabella cap or eggplant slice for the base.

Top each with one slice of cheese and place under the broiler for about 1 minute to melt.

Serve garnished with parsley or place the vegetable stack between slices of sourdough bread.

Makes 6 generous sandwiches.  
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3 cups zucchini, cut into 1-inch pieces  
3 cups eggplant, cut into 1-inch pieces  
1 medium sweet onion, peeled, diced into 1-inch pieces  
3 cups freshly sliced mushrooms  
2 cups red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces  
1/4 cup freshly chopped basil  
1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves or 1 teaspoon dried  
3 tablespoons olive or walnut oil  
2 tablespoons balsamic or sherry vinegar  
6 medium red ripe tomatoes,

washed, cored and left whole  
12 ounces rigatoni, cooked according to package directions  
1/4 cup walnuts, toasted and chopped  
2 cups tomato sauce or favorite pasta sauce, optional  
1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese

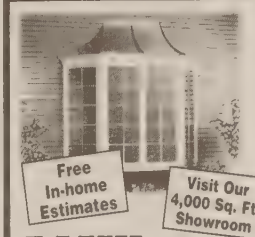
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a large shallow sheet pan or jelly roll pan with parchment paper or use a nonstick pan.

In a large bowl, combine the zucchini, eggplant, onion, mushrooms, red pepper, basil and thyme.

Sprinkle with the olive oil and balsamic vinegar and toss well to coat the vegetables.

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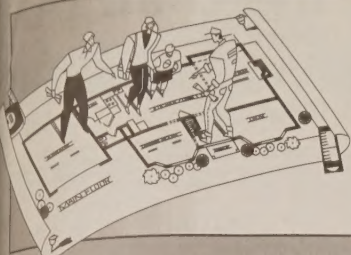
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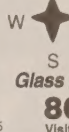
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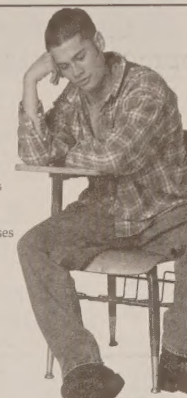
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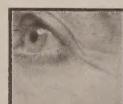
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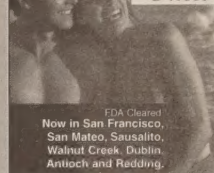
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